

Breakaway union chief locks out NUM Notts area president

The battle for the loyalty of 28,000 miners began yesterday as the area's breakaway union severed another link with the past by naming Mr Ray Chadburn, National Union of Mineworkers' area president, from its Mansfield headquarters.

Mr Chadburn and Mr Roy Lynk, general secretary of the newly-named Nottinghamshire Union of Mineworkers, were involved in an angry shouting match through an intercom system at the front door of the union building.

That was as far as Mr Chadburn got before he left to consult his solicitor about a letter due from the Nottinghamshire union informing him that he had repudiated his contract

From Craig Seton, Mansfield and was deemed to have dismissed himself by his declaration that he would not be president of a "breakaway" organization.

Mr Lynk yesterday also wrote to Mr Peter Heathfield, general secretary of the national union, officially informing him that Nottinghamshire had left the federation of the national union.

Mr Chadburn, who threatened to return daily to the Mansfield headquarters, had supported the miners' strike from the outset and always admitted that his position in Mansfield, alongside men who refused to join the strike, was untenable.

Area president for six years and a union official for 24, he

had walked out of Monday's meeting of the rebel Nottinghamshire executive, saying that he would remain loyal to the national union but refusing to resign.

He follows Mr Henry Richardson, the area's left-wing, pro-strike former general secretary who was dismissed by his former colleagues.

Mr Chadburn arrived early at the Mansfield headquarters yesterday but found a side door locked from the inside. He went to the main entrance, only to be told by a receptionist over the intercom that she had been instructed not to let him into the building.

As Mr Chadburn turned to leave, denouncing the closed-door policy of his former colleagues and promising to work from his garden shed, Mr Lynk's voice was heard over the intercom demanding "Who's that?"

Mr Chadburn replied: "It's me, Ray" and Mr Lynk responded: "You have had a letter saying you are excluded from the building".

Mr Chadburn shouted several times that he had received no letter. Mr Lynk offered to let his former colleague in, but only to collect his personal possessions. Mr Chadburn said that he would not argue over the intercom.



Mr Ray Chadburn trying to gain admittance through a side door to NUM headquarters in Mansfield yesterday.

Bad seal blamed for legion outbreak

A leaking seal in a hospital air conditioning unit could have caused the world's worst outbreak of Legionnaires disease, possibly killing 46 people, an official inquiry was told yesterday.

The investigation ordered by the Government into the outbreak in Staffordshire earlier this year, heard at its opening that seven more people than the 39 thought originally to be victims, could have died from the disease.

The hearing in Stafford was also told by an expert that government guidelines drawn up to safeguard hospitals against outbreaks did not go far enough.

Mr Robin Jacob, QC, at the beginning of what is expected to be a lengthy inquiry, said that it was clear the £25 million Stafford District hospital, opened in 1983, was the source of the infection.

The leaking seal could have been responsible. Contaminated water could have spread through the seal into the cooling tower system when the unit was closed down last Easter. When it was re-started last April, air carrying the deadly bug could have then been blown over people visiting the hospital, he said.

During the outbreak 1174 people were admitted with chest infections. Sixty-one were later confirmed to have the disease. The first identified in the United States nine years ago.

There were 46 reported deaths during a six-week period last April and May. Only 16 of those were officially confirmed to be from the disease, but the same cause could not be ruled out in the other cases.

Mr Jacob said that the inquiry, headed by Sir John Bawden, a consultant physician, was not a fault-finding exercise but a "search for truth". It would have to look at how the outbreak happened.

The panel would also have to inquire whether the medical treatment of the victims was correct and decide whether the hospital was correctly designed, constructed and maintained in regard to the known risks of the disease.

The public inquiry will produce an interim report making recommendations to hospitals on how to prevent further outbreaks when its first stage finishes on July 24.

The second stage of the investigation, which will begin in September, will be a wide-ranging scientific study of similar outbreaks.

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These were questions which universities could have tackled more vigorously when money was plentiful, he said.

Miners lose appeals

Nine men yesterday lost appeals against their sentences for violence at a colliery during the miners' strike.

They had all pleaded guilty to unlawful assembly last October when they wrecked the control room at Dawdon colliery, Co Durham.

Seven of the men were jailed at Tyneside Crown Court last March for two years and two were given similar periods of youth custody.

Lord Justice Watkins, sitting with Mr Justice Brislow and Mr Justice Saville in the Court of Appeal in London said five of the nine were striking miners and, no doubt inflamed by-riots, they became a mob.

The nine are Raymond Patterson, 24, of 100 York Street, Dawdon, North Durham; 29 Tony Street, Dawdon, North Durham; 209 York Street, Dawdon, North Durham; 21 has brother Brian 22 of 214 York Street, Dawdon, North Durham; 21 has brother Robert 22 of 214 York Street, Dawdon, North Durham; 21 has brother Robert 22 of 214 York Street, Dawdon, North Durham; 21 has brother Robert 22 of 214 York Street, Dawdon, North Durham; 21 has brother Robert 22 of 214 York Street, Dawdon, North Durham; 21 has brother Robert 22 of 214 York Street, Dawdon, North Durham; 21 has brother Robert 22 of 214 York Street, Dawdon, North Durham.

Britain has poor image overseas

Britain is very near the bottom of the league table in promoting itself abroad, way behind France, which spends four times as much, West Germany the United States and Japan.

The result, according to the British Council, which published its annual report yesterday, is that British influence in the world is in real danger of falling substantially behind other countries.

"The football riots at Brussels were a shocking reminder that Britain's image overseas is in trouble," Sir John Bawden, the council's director-general, said. "We cannot afford to be complacent. Our international reputation, our influence and our trade depend upon what the world thinks of us. Tourism alone is worth over £5 billion a year to Britain."

Sir John said that the French Government spent 38 per cent of its foreign ministry budget on cultural relations compared with the British 14.3 per cent. In the past five years the British Council's grant had declined by 20 per cent in real terms.

Even the Japanese, who have only recently begun to promote themselves abroad, now spend more on cultural relations than Britain and have announced a big drive to increase overseas students. The USSR is also said to be spending £1 billion on overseas students.

To maintain British influence the council is asking the Government for more money. Sir John said that it wanted restored the £1.1 million savings arbitrarily required of it this year and needed an extra £6 million, spread over the next three years, to augment its income of £29 million.

The British Council has tried to halt the decline in Britain's share of overseas students by setting up an educational counselling service, funded entirely by 72 British universities and polytechnics. The results so far were good, Sir John said.

Tory 'caucus' in new procedural dispute

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

A "caucus" of Conservative MPs who no longer have an effective working majority on the trouble-ridden Commons Employment Select Committee, will spark another dispute today by attempting to change the committee's procedure and working practices.

The latest internal division comes after the controversy last month when Mr John Gorst, Conservative MP for Hendon North, joined with Labour MPs to recommend that miners dismissed during the pit strike should not subsequently be reinstated, should have their cases reviewed.

The remaining five Conservatives, who now treat Mr Gorst as an independent and thereby no longer expect an automatic majority on the 11-man committee, are, in practice, seeking a veto over the holding of meetings where there have been late changes of business, or where reports have not been circulated at least a week in advance.

The demands made to Mr Ron Leighton, Labour MP for Newham North East, and the committee chairman, by Mr Gerry Neale, MP for Cornwall

Shot woman gives vital crossbow clues

Mrs Ellen Ditcher, aged 74, gave detectives a vital clue in the hunt for her assailants who shot her several times with a rifle and fired bolts from a crossbow after she disturbed them.

Det Supt David Surridge, who is leading the hunt for the three men who also shot and killed Mrs Ditcher's gardener, Mr Bill Austen, aged 54, said that it was still impossible to say whether the masked raiders were local men.

The attack took place in the early hours of Sunday morning at Mrs Ditcher's fourteenth century manor home at Otham, near Maidstone, Kent. After ransacking the house the raiders left with £2 and some worthless jewellery.

Four await sentence for smuggling

Four businessmen face possible prison sentences of up to two years at Birmingham Crown Court tomorrow for their part in smuggling military equipment to South Africa.

They were remanded in custody overnight by Mr Justice Mars-Jones, who told counsel for one of the men that to breach the arms embargo to South Africa "was a matter of the utmost gravity that must be punished by an immediate prison sentence".

At the end of a month-long trial Derek Salt, aged 61, from Coventry, managing director of a Coventry Engineering company, and Malcolm Bird, aged 49, from Balsall Common, Warwickshire, were found guilty of conspiracy to evade the ban on exporting military equipment to South Africa, which they had denied.

Michael Gardiner, aged 36, from Colyton, Devon, had earlier pleaded guilty to the charge.

Also accused were Michael Swann, aged 34, a company director from Royston, Hertfordshire, and Henry Coles, aged 72, a former business consultant of Manor Park, Bath, who have admitted conspiracy to export military aircraft parts to South Africa.

The judge allowed Coles bail overnight but remanded the others in custody.

A Customs investigation started after gears for MacNay Ltd in South Africa were seized at Birmingham airport in March last year.

The judge praised the work of customs officers, in the case.

Let workers choose chiefs, Benn says

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

The right of all employees in public and private industries and services to elect and remove their managers should be guaranteed by law under a future Labour government, according to Mr Tony Benn and Mr Eric Heffer.

The proposal is put forward in paper for discussion by the Party's National Executive Committee, which the two authors, both senior left-wing members of the NEC, say is designed to put socialist analysis and policies back at the top of Labour's agenda.

It is the latest in a series of three papers designed to recover ground which the left believes it has lost to the centre of the party since the accession of Mr Neil Kinnock to the leadership in 1983.

Their previous paper, which was narrowly rejected at a

Britain pulls out of jet search

By Michael Bailly, Transport Editor

Britain has pulled out of the search for wreckage of the Air-India Boeing 747 off the Irish coast, amid behind-the-scenes allegations of chaos and lack of co-ordination.

The Gardiner Locator, chartered by the Department of Transport to carry out a deep search on behalf of the Indian Government, has left the scene and returned to Falmouth, to end her charter. A £120,000 bill will be sent to Delhi.

According to unofficial sources, her work was severely hampered by boats milling round above the wreckage, apparently under no central control. Her task of tracing signals from the Boeing's "black box" was handicapped by the noise of competing boats and their underwater equipment.

The highly-regarded Accident Investigation Branch, based at Farnborough, Kent, will not return to the scene unless requested.

Hurd backs re-routing parades

By Tim Jones, Belfast

As marching season tension in Northern Ireland mounted yesterday with a public house in a "loyalist" area being demolished in an explosion and an army patrol narrowly escaping being murdered, Mr Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland gave full support to the re-routing of Orange Order parades away from Roman Catholic areas.

Mr Hurd said that he had been encouraged by statements from leading members of the Orange Order calling on their grass roots members to avoid any confrontation with the police who have re-routed part of their traditional march away

10p cut in petrol prices urged by MP

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

At the beginning of the year when the pound fell to near parity with the dollar, oil companies quickly increased prices on garage forecourts and the cost of a gallon broke the £2 barrier.

"I am concerned as to why oil companies seemed to be very happy to move together and put prices up when the pound fell

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Cypriot couple's new setback

A Cypriot couple given sanctuary in a London church to escape deportation failed in the High Court yesterday to get leave to seek a judicial review of the Home Secretary's decision not to revoke a deportation order on them.

Vassilis Nicola, aged 35, a Greek Cypriot labourer and his wife Katerina, aged 38, arrived in England in 1976 after escaping the Turkish invasion of Cyprus.

Missing girl found murdered

The body of Sarah Morris, aged 9, missing from home since Monday night, was found in a rubbish container at her primary school in Morden, Surrey, yesterday.

Police said they were treating the case as murder and a number of people were being interviewed. A hunt had been launched for the girl, involving a helicopter, dogs and local residents.



Mr Richard Livsey (centre), MP for Brecon and Radnor, welcomed by leaders of the SDP-Liberal Alliance at the Commons yesterday as he arrived to take his seat.

Sellafield nuclear waste acquittals

A jury was instructed yesterday to find British Nuclear Fuels (BNF) not guilty of two charges relating to radioactive contamination near its Sellafield complex.

The company originally denied five charges brought after a 20-mile stretch of beach in West Cumbria was contaminated by highly-radioactive waste in November 1983.

On the twenty-fourth day of the trial at Carlisle Crown Court, Mr Justice Rose told the jury to acquit the company of failing to keep adequate records of radioactive material kept or stored on part of the site.

A charge of failing to control radioactive material so it could not escape was also dropped after nearly two days of legal arguments.

Opening for the defence, Mr Lionel Read, QC, said that fault with ruthenium 106 was inadvertently sent into a sea tank designed for low-level waste.

Attempts were made to return the liquid, containing a highly-radioactive solid matter known as crud, to a treatment plant. But some was discharged into the Irish Sea.

Mr Read said that remedial steps had been taken to make sure it could not happen again. The case continues.

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Drug traffickers should be stripped of profits by law, Lord Lane says

Parliament was urged last night by Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, to introduce laws enabling drug traffickers to be stripped of their profits and to put pressure on the drug producing countries to cut production.

"There seem to be few signs of urgency," he said. "How many more years will go by, how many more children and young persons will have to die degrading deaths, before action is taken?"

"One would have thought that there would be few things more important for Parliament to get on with, and few things less contentious."

Lord Lane, who was speaking at the Lord Mayor's dinner to judges at The Mansion House, said that at last people were beginning to realize the size of the problem, and the "appalling prospects for the future as cocaine vies with heroin for the privilege of being the leading destroyer of youth."

It looked as though more resources were at last being provided for education, for interception and perhaps for treatment. But these were only palliatives. What was required was first of all to prevent drugs being produced, he said.

"One sees from time to time protestations by the countries concerned that they have done this, that or the other to curtail production." "When the street price of heroin and cocaine starts rising, I will start to believe these protestations," Lord Lane said.

Of the "perennial nightmare, the increasing crime rate," the Lord Chief Justice said that providing different types of punishment had no effect at all except to make the task of judges more difficult.

The difficulty was "compounded by changes in the rules relating to parole which are increasing the gap, already great enough, between what the court orders and what happens to the criminal in fact."

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"What is much more alarming is the increase in the nastiness of the crime, rather than the increase in its volume. This is something which may be more susceptible to cure," he said.

It is now accepted as common form that once you have your victim on the ground, you kick him, preferably in the stomach or on the head, where the blows are likely to do the maximum injury.

"It happens in almost every film and TV play, so it is not surprising that it has become, so to speak, an acceptable form of violence in the eyes of many people."

"So, thanks to TV and, quite often, thanks to the TV news reports, violence is self-perpetuating. We are about to see the same thing happening in relation to hijacking."

"The intense TV coverage of the portentous speeches by statesmen and politicians; the widely publicized, but mostly hollow, threats; these all serve to fuel the enthusiasm of the potential hijacker, providing him with the promise of publicity, which is all he wants."

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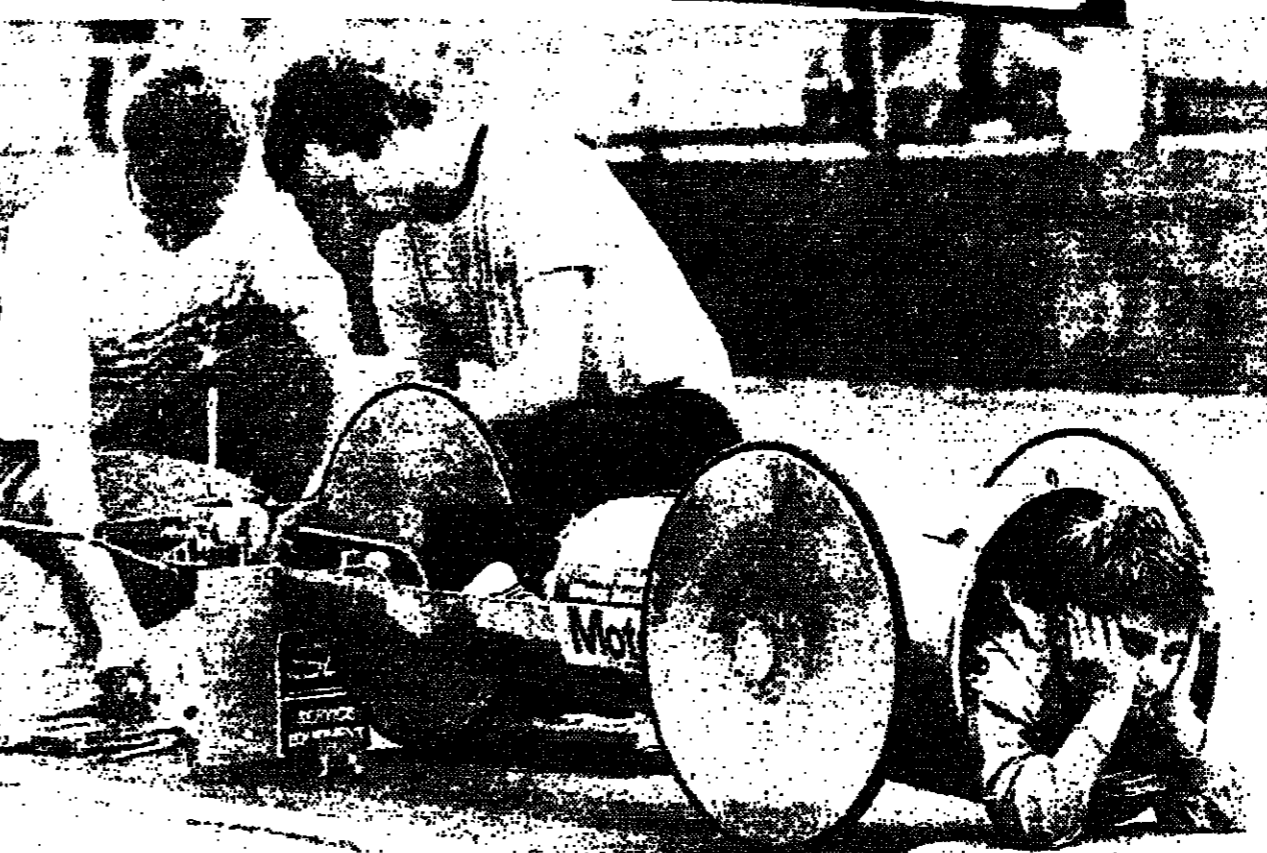
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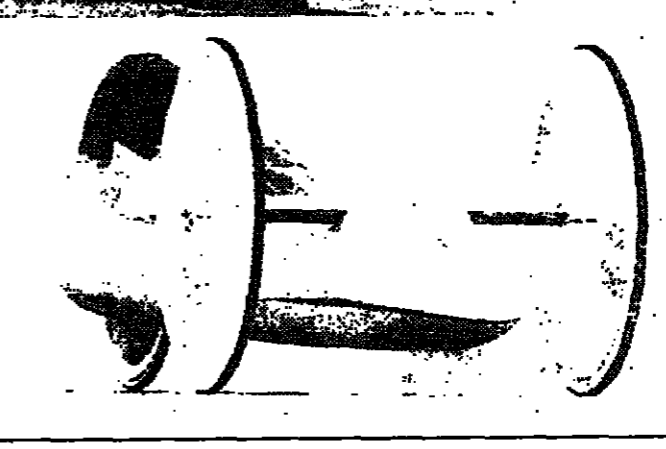
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4,010 m.p.g. British record for petrol-sipping car

The winner of the Shell-Motor magazine mileage marathon at Silverstone yesterday set a new British fuel economy record of 4,018 miles a gallon.

But before the event even the youngest driver, Paul Beard, aged 11, (above) from Hyde, Cheshire, had to endure the long wait for crucial adjustments.



The winning car, number 13, (right) was driven by Daniel Brighting, aged 11, of south London, on behalf of the mechanical engineering department of King's College, London.

The 51 contestants were required to design and build a petrol-fuelled vehicle to achieve the greatest economy over a 10-mile course. Average speed must exceed 15 mph (Photographic: John Vuos).

Court ruling sought on Bradford headmaster

The Disciplinary procedure which could lead to the dismissal of Mr Ray Honeyford, the Bradford headmaster involved in a dispute over multi-racial education, was halted indefinitely yesterday pending proceedings in the High Court.

Lawyers acting for Bradford council and Mr Honeyford agreed to the suspension of the procedure after a letter from the National Association of Head Teachers had challenged the validity of any further action.

After a four-day hearing last month, the governors of Drummond Middle School, Bradford, recommended the reinstatement of Mr Honeyford, who has been suspended from his £15,000-a-year post since last April after allegations of racism.

The next stage in the procedure was to have been a meeting today between Mr Honeyford, his advisers, and Mr Norman Roper, an assistant director of education at Bradford. That has been postponed. Bradford council has contended that Mr Roper had the power to disregard or change a recommendation by the governors, but the view of the association is that the council must reinstate Mr Honeyford.

The association is to ask the High Court for an interpretation of the relevant clause in the Articles of Government under the Education Act, 1949.

Jury in hotel

A jury trying seven Asians and three whites alleged to have been involved in a racial battle in Newham, north London, in April last year, went to a hotel last night after failing to reach verdicts at the Central Criminal Court.

Test tube triplets

Mrs Sandra Southwood, of Kingston Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, has given birth to the first National Health Service test tube triplets, all girls, in Epsom District Hospital.

Police drug squads come under scrutiny

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

The performance and success of police operations against drug abuse have been placed under tighter Home Office scrutiny according to the annual report of the Chief Inspector of Constabulary published yesterday.

For many years there have been complaints that some police forces have failed to take the problem of rising drug abuse or trafficking seriously. It was only last autumn that the government announced that all 45 forces in England and Wales had finally appointed their own drug squads.

Now the work of those squads is being monitored to indicate their effectiveness and the extent of the problem. In his report, Sir Lawrence Balfour, the Chief HMI, announced that his inspectors will place increased emphasis on the work of drug squads during future inspections of forces.

Chief constables have also been told they must supply quarterly figures on drug misuse to the Home Office.

The quarterly figures are supplied to the inspectors who then provide the Home Office with a synopsis. Chief constables are asked to provide information on the police action being taken against drug problems, details of successful operations, including detective work and community education, and appraisals of the problem in their areas.

The drug squads will be examined during annual visits by inspectors to forces in their regions. They would look at manpower, operations and force policy.

The number of incidents of drug trafficking rose by 35 per cent in 1984 in forces outside London. The increase over 1983 was from 3,495 incidents to 4,713.

Plea over doomed animals

By a Staff Reporter

Executors of the Mirehouse will be considering a last-minute bid by the RSPCA to save the animals in danger of being put down.

In his will, Miss Mary Mirehouse aged 77, who died last week, ordered that her animals - seven Irish setters, a pony, a donkey, pigeons, canaries and goldfish - be destroyed before her funeral tomorrow.

Last Friday solicitors handling the estate agreed to a temporary reprieve after an anonymous benefactor granted the RSPCA immunity over any penalty for not following the will.

The RSPCA promised to find good homes for the animals, still being cared for at Miss Mirehouse's home at Hawksbury Upton, near Bristol. In a letter yesterday to the executors the society said it would now be "absurd and inhumane" if they were to carry out the will's instructions.

Christie's admits to false sale figures

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

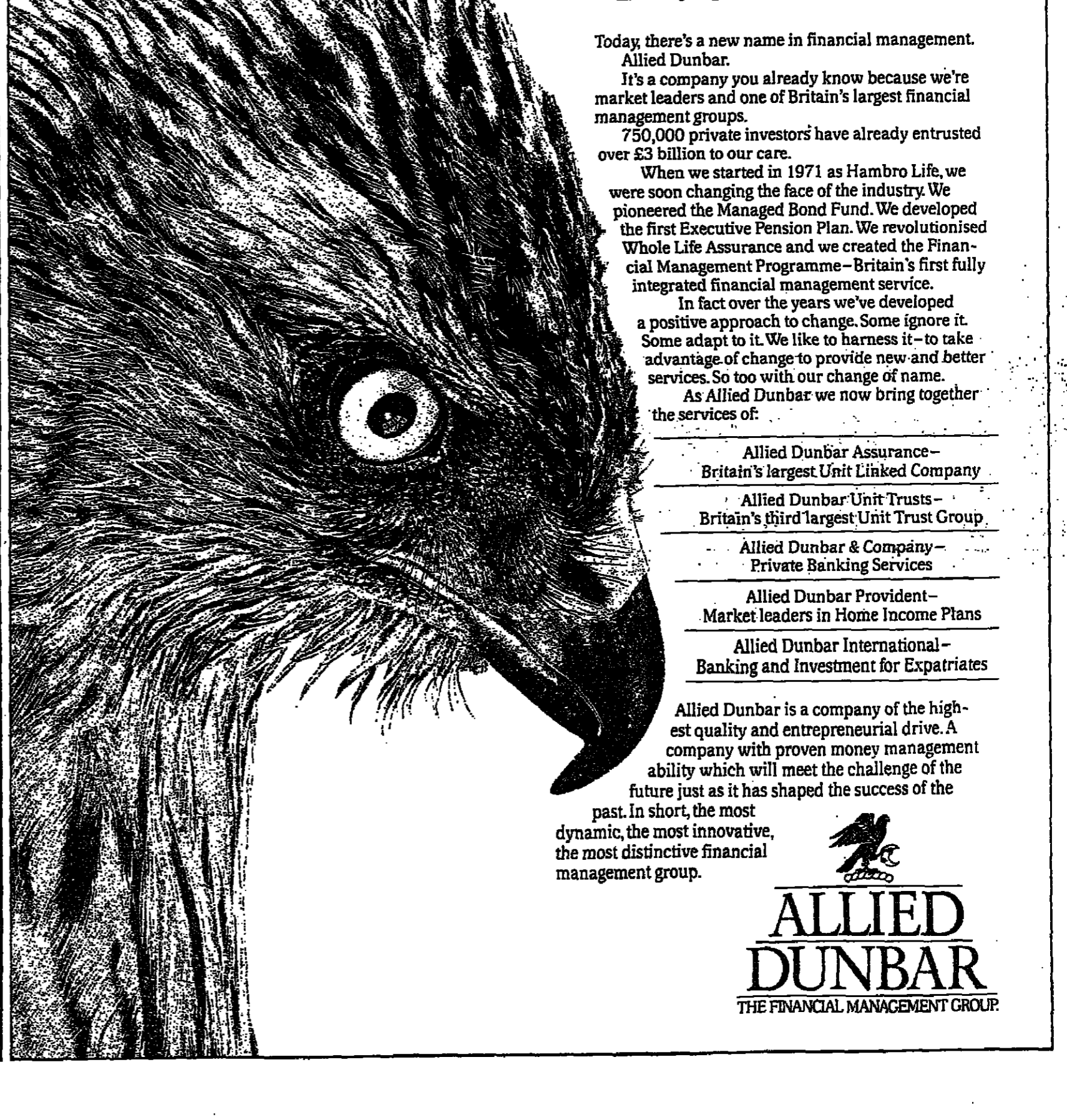
Mr David Bathurst, chairman of Christie's in London, has admitted to issuing false information on the sale of two important paintings, by van Gogh and Gauguin.

After they were offered for sale at Christie's in New York in 1981, the company issued a press release claiming that they were successfully sold. However, no bidder had topped the reserve, or minimum price, agreed with the owner, and they were bought in, on his behalf at \$2.1 million and \$1.3 million respectively.

That information emerged because of a hearing on July 2 in the New York Supreme Court of a case brought by the pictures owner against Christie's for negligence and other damages.

The action was dismissed in a summary judgement and the court stated that no further claims of diminished value on lost profits based on Christie's estimates of February 1981, could properly be made.

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The Queen Mother meeting pupils at Wells Cathedral School yesterday.

Cheaper holidays to Spain forecast

By Derek Harris and Claire Doble

Many of next year's holidays could be cheaper, particularly in Spain where hoteliers are expected to offer better deals to tour operators, and a weakening peseta is also having its effect.

This was forecast yesterday by Mr Harry Goodman, chairman of Intasun Leisure, the second largest package holidays company in Britain.

The forecast is in line with expectations in the rest of the industry, which is anticipating that Spanish prices will be nearer those of last year.

The cost of Spanish package holidays jumped by a fifth this summer, mainly because hoteliers raised prices, and holidaymakers have stayed away.

Intasun expects lower prices to attract people who are not taking a Continental holiday this year. Mr Goodman said yesterday that by the end of the summer season the decline in package holidays compared with last year was likely to be 12 to 15 per cent, although Intasun itself claims to be only five per cent lower than last year, and hopes to end the season with a slight increase in business.

Intasun's Spanish bookings are 15 per cent down to date, but Mr Goodman hopes that the final tally will be down by only 5 per cent.

Teeth at risk from infection

By Our Social Sciences Correspondent

Dental patients who are debilitated are at risk of serious infections because some dentists are still using boiling water to sterilize dental instruments, microbiologists warned yesterday.

A survey carried out in Merseyside found that nearly 20 per cent of dentists were still using boiling water rather than autoclaves or hot air ovens to sterilize instruments.

Tests on the boiling apparatus used by 31 dentists showed that in all cases during 620 sterilizing cycles, the apparatus failed to sterilize the instruments properly. Eighty per cent of the microorganisms found remained viable after an extended boiling cycle.

British Dental Journal (Vol 169 p 18; July 6, 1985).

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apply, but now that it is being applied, there seems to be a widening silence about it.

Developers of commons 'thieves'

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Landowners and developers to enclose common land and to describe as common areas yesterday by Dr David Clark, Labour spokesman on the environment.

Addressing the annual meeting of the Open Spaces Society, which he is chairman of, Mr Clark said that the Commons Act, 1975, although intended to protect common land, had caused its destruction.

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PM after Brecon result: 'I believe in the right way'

THE ECONOMY

Urged in the Commons to define "the middle way". Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, drew loud cheers from Conservative backbenchers when she declared: "I believe in the right way. It is the way we are going."

level of local authority spending in the coming years. Mr Ian Lloyd (Swansea, C) in the context of President Reagan's timely reminder that the campaign against terrorism would wide must be indivisible, she was aware of any event which throws a more glaring light on the squalid and glaring character of political opportunism than the appearance of a public platform in the centre of London together with representatives of an organization whose objectives and methods are indistinguishable from those of the IRA.



Howard: Lower taxes would be valuable

those of the IRA. of a member of the Privy Council - the Leader of the Opposition. Is there anything the Prime Minister can do to ensure that the authority and prestige of the Privy Council will not be illegitimately transferred in this way?

Mr Thatcher: He makes his own point cogently and I am glad he has raised the matter to my public attention.

Mr Hattersley, Deputy Leader of the Opposition: Does the Prime Minister endorse the judgement of her Chancellor that ours is the most successful economy in western Europe, or have her civil servants during her busy day had the opportunity to explain to her the phoney nature of the statistics on which the Chancellor's claim was based?

Mrs Thatcher: The Chancellor was endeavouring to point out what is a fact - that there is no country in Europe which has had such a good record on creation of new jobs in the last 12 months.

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Mrs Thatcher: I believe that most people would prefer more net take-home pay, and the only way to achieve that is to reduce taxation and increase growth in the economy.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party: Does the Prime Minister endorse this manipulation of the figures or does she repudiate them?

While on the subject of the Government's achievements, will she answer the question I asked 10 days ago and which she dodged and continues to dodge? Will she confirm that she has presided over levels of unemployment, company liquidations, real interest rates, mortgage rates and manufacturing trade deficits that are the highest in the history of this country?

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COAL DISPUTE

The reinstatement of miners dismissed during or after the recent strike by the National Union of Mineworkers was a matter for the National Coal Board, Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment said in the Commons.

Asked about the recent report from the Commons Select Committee on Employment which has looked into the question of reinstatement, he said that he had read the report. The NCB was continuing to review all the dismissal cases area by area in the light of industrial tribunal findings.

He understood that there could be no question of reemploying men who had engaged in serious violence against NCB personnel or property. The Government fully supported that view.

Mr Michael Meadowcroft (Leeds West, Lab) said Mr King should explain to the chairman of the NCB to stop him treating differently men in different parts of the country.

Mr King said that this was a point Mr MacGregor took seriously. No one should underestimate the appalling difficulties and the serious nature of the problems with which the board had to deal. It had been anxious, in the appalling circumstances surrounding the dispute, to deal with it as fairly as possible.

Mr Mervyn King (Morley and Leeds South, Lab) said that the report showed that men who were found guilty but returned to work from the strike early had been reinstated, but men who had stayed on strike had lost their jobs.

Mr King said this must be a matter for the management of the NCB. Dismissed miners had normal procedures open to them.

Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen North, Lab) said that the cardinal principle of industrial relations after any dispute should be reconciliation. Not a single dismissed miner in Scotland had been reinstated.

Mr King said he hoped that the cardinal principle now to be firmly applied was that before a dispute there would be a ban.

Mr John Corst (Hendon, North, C): Will he bear in mind when he reports to the select committee's report, that the report was not about unfair dismissal of miners for which there is recourse to an industrial tribunal, but that it was a report about allegations of unfair reinstatement of miners for which there is no recourse to any tribunal?

Mr King: I am somewhat surprised by that statement. I have the report here and it is entitled *The dismissal of National Coal Board employees*.

Mr Ronald Leighton (Newham, North East, Lab), chairman of the Select Committee on Employment, said the report did not strike at the merits of the coal strike or the violence and in no way condoned violence.

What it did look at was the way the separate issue of the hard evidence of the manifest unfairness and inconsistency in the coal board's treatment of its dismissed employees. Mr MacGregor, the NCB chairman, under repeated questioning refused to say that he would reinstate those upheld by industrial tribunals.

In all those circumstances, does not the minister think that the proposal that a review should be conducted on the lines of the Acad case, where each man's case could be reviewed, is modest? Should he not take heed of that rather than allow these wounds to fester?

Mr King: I am not the only member of the House who found it unbelievable that the select committee reported on certain circumstances and people still dismissed on other grounds.

He added later that the select committee was bitterly divided. It was the most successful report of proceedings in the Chamber may continue after the summer recess.

He said that the experiment would end this month and the Select Committee on Television would make a full report before Christmas.

If an interim report were published he said, it would be possible to debate it and reach a decision for the temporary continuation of the present arrangements.

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FINANCE BILL

A move to stop the Government increasing the tax on workers whose children use employer-provided nurseries was made by the Labour Party in the Commons during the first day of the report stage of the Finance Bill.

Mr Terry Davis, an Opposition spokesman on economic and Treasury affairs, moved a new clause to this effect. He said that it was recognised by the trade unions and by many employers that it was in the interests of society that simple parents should work to support their children rather than full-time on social security. But if employers provided them with nurseries these parents now had to pay income tax.

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Windsor barracks

Mr John Lee, Under Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, announced in a Commons written reply that it was proposed to start the rebuilding of Windsor Barracks Windsor in December next year. The expected completion date was June 1989 and the barracks would be occupied by a battalion of foot guards.

Blacklist of lorry offenders

A blacklist of over loaded lorries is to be kept by the Department of Transport in an effort to tighten the noose around persistent offenders who damage Britain's roads. It is expected to lead to tougher penalties and a higher rate of detection for lorry firms who persistently overload.

A computerised register of convictions is to be set up jointly by the Department and the Local Authority Co-ordination Body on Transport Standards to back up the expanding network of checkpoints being established throughout the country.

Another 30 weighbridge sites are planned in addition to the 51 already operating, and fines of up to £200 are imposed on lorry firms found to be overloaded.

Of 60,000 lorries checked on the roads last year, 18 per cent of British and 28 per cent of foreign were too heavy.

Mrs Lynda Chalker, minister of state for transport said yesterday that new measure demonstrates the Government's strong commitment to effective enforcement.

Commercial whaling ban in jeopardy

Conservationists are concerned that a 1982 ban on commercial whaling may be in jeopardy as the annual meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC), due to begin on Monday in Bournemouth, could bring about its collapse.

The ban is to come into effect next year but four of the 40 member countries, Japan, Brazil, Iceland and Norway, are resisting it by exploiting a provision in IWC regulations that whaling countries can take whales for scientific research.

That exploitation has already occurred on such a large scale it makes IWC catch limits on certain species ineffective, according to the World Wildlife Fund.

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But none of this will have much impact on the general public if it does not lead to the Alliance having something of substance to say on the big issues, and saying it together. Up to now it has had general attitudes, and a surfeit of detailed policy. But it has lacked something in between.

It needs themes. Dr Owen has been offering them, but it is doubtful how far his ideas command the general confidence of both parties. So the Alliance must sort out, and make absolutely clear to the country, what it stands for.

China trade

Mr Yao Yilin, Deputy Prime Minister of China, said in a Commons written reply that the Chinese government was not prepared to promote trade relations with the Soviet Union and East Europe. He said that the Chinese government was not prepared to promote trade relations with the Soviet Union and East Europe.

Local ombudsmen seek power against injustice

By Colin Hughes

England's three local ombudsmen make an urgent plea for stronger powers to seek out and remedy maladministration and injustice by local councils in their annual report, published today.

They say that, although the bulk of local authorities accept the local ombudsman's findings, a minority persist in refusing to redress grievances.

Since they were set up by parliament in 1974 the three commissioners have issued 1,619 reports finding maladministration and injustice by local councils. In 1,442 cases there was a satisfactory settlement, but in 92 cases 6 per cent, the councils concerned failed to react to the ombudsmen's criticisms.

The ombudsmen say: "The time has come for a considerable reform of the service". They are particularly anxious about the continuing need for second reports to be issued. Further reports only follow

when a council fails to remedy legitimate grievances, and 128 have had to be issued over the past 11 years. Even then, the report says, remedies have followed in only 27 cases.

Last year the ombudsmen presented reform recommendations to a House of Commons Select Committee saying that "unless a satisfactory voluntary solution can be quickly achieved, a system should be introduced enabling the citizen to seek a remedy in the County Court."

At present the ombudsmen can open an inquiry only when someone refers a complaint through a councillor. Complaints can only be made direct when councillors fail to refer them.

The ombudsmen have, since 1980, sought powers to act on direct complaints and on their own initiative. Mr Cook says the most immediate need is for parliament to back up the ombudsmen with tougher powers.

"The citizen will be sold short as long as the local ombudsman remains unsupported by the legislator," he said.

He says it is ridiculous that he can only inquire into contracts about land and property and not all commercial and contractual dealings.

Dr David Yardley, chairman of the commission and ombudsman for London and the South East, writes: "It remains a matter of concern that there are still some authorities prepared to deny the provision of a remedy suggested by the impartial arbiter set up by parliament."

The Local Ombudsman Report for the year ended March 31, 1985, can be obtained free from The Commission for Local Administration in England, 21 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9BU, or from council and water authority offices, libraries and citizen's advice bureaux.

Mrs Thatcher to act over porn

By a Staff Reporter

The Prime Minister has expressed a letter to Mrs Mary Whitehouse, president of the National Viewers and Listeners Association, her concern at the "appalling scale" of child sexual abuse.

In her letter, Mrs Thatcher gave a firm assurance that the Home Secretary has in hand the question of circulating details of known sex offenders to employers "with a legitimate need to know."

She said a Federal Commission had been set up in the United States to look into the problems of pornographic video production and export.

Mrs Whitehouse had written to Mrs Thatcher following the recent police raids in 14 towns and cities in Britain during which £5 million worth of pornographic material was

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The proposed system, which would operate with one tram every four and a half minutes and carry an anticipated 29 million passengers a year, would be unique to the UK, although many similar systems operate in European cities.

The proposals, revealed after a detailed feasibility study of Sheffield's public transport needs into the next century, come just 25 years after the first section of the old-style trams were taken off the rails in the city. Blackpool is the only British town still to operate the traditional tramcars.

In the Sheffield scheme each tram would be capable of carrying up to 170 passengers and would operate on tracks running along the side of existing highways, on the central reservation of dual carriageways and would also use viaducts and tunnels where necessary. Trams would operate

singly or in pairs at speeds of up to 40 miles an hour.

Transport officials said the scheme would provide faster, quieter more efficient pollution-free transport and the system could be extended into a citywide network if successful.

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This could be done partly... its stance on policy... more, by demonstrating... has sorted out its own... arrangements. Time and... I have heard it said in... that the Liberals and... Democrats could hardly... to run the country if they... not run an alliance prop... Now many of the letters... Liberal MPs have been... in the aftermath of Brex... been stressing the need... two parties to get... together.

Positive attitude towards Alliance

The joint strategy comm... which was announced... by Mr David Steel and... David Owen, is a step... direction. It was one... products of a meeting... morning of the Joint... Advisory Committee, comp... of senior members of... parties. They had before... a paper prepared by Mr... slightly amended by Dr... and then, at his suggest... submitted in both their... names.

This may be a small... but it suggests that Dr... taking a rather more... attitude towards the All... than has always been... The meeting appears to... been constructive, if... rambling. It agreed... number of detailed... practical cooperation... deliberately avoiding... limitation to begin the... election campaign now.

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'Euphoric' visit of King marks new era in French-Spanish relations

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The revival of close friendship and co-operation between France and Spain after nearly two centuries of tensions, friction and misunderstanding, was formally enshrined in the signing of a 'joint declaration' at the Elysee Palace yesterday in the presence of King Juan Carlos of Spain and President Mitterrand.

Michel Vauzelle, the official Elysee spokesman, said the signing marked the 'apotheosis' of the three-day official visit to France of King Juan Carlos and Queen Sophia. The visit has taken place in the midst of an atmosphere of great warmth and mutual congratulation, prompting one French diplomat to go so far as to characterize it as 'euphoric'.

The joint declaration sets up a formal structure of regular Franco-Spanish summits and bilateral ministerial meetings in the fields of economy, culture and defence, similar to those already instituted by France with Britain and West Germany.

Speaking after a gala dinner given in honour of the Spanish King and Queen at the Elysee on Monday night, President Mitterrand said he believed that 'a page has truly been turned in the relations between our two countries. We are celebrating a revitalized friendship.'

King Juan Carlos replied that he too felt 'a new era' was opening up in Franco-Spanish relations, which would inevitably leave its mark on the construction of Europe.

Relations between France and Spain have never been easy, particularly since the Napoleonic invasion of the Iberian peninsula, which has not been forgotten by the Spanish. Even after the restoration of democratic rule after Franco's death in 1975, areas of friction remained, notably over the Basque terrorists, Spanish fishing rights, and Spain's entry into the Common Market.

An anticipated removal of those tensions with coming to power of the Spanish socialists in 1982 did not immediately materialize. Despite fraternal proclamations of goodwill and friendship on both sides, Spain continued to feel that Socialist France remained the number one obstacle to its entry into the EEC, and that it continued to show a remarkable indulgence toward the Basque terrorist refugees in south-west France.

Over the last two years, however, such has changed. France recast itself in the role of a leading champion for Spain's early entry into the Common Market, which has now been achieved. It also clearly demon-

strated its sincerity in wanting to help tackle the Basque terrorist problem by extraditing for the first time three suspected terrorists to Spain. The main areas of 'misunderstanding' between Paris and Madrid have therefore now been resolved.

That is not to say that the fierce disputes between French and Spanish fishermen and farmers will not continue, however, nor that the two peoples will immediately take each other to their hearts.

As a poll published last month showed, the Spanish still regard the French with considerable suspicion and even animosity, and resent what they regard as an attitude of disdainful superiority and arrogance on the part of the French.

The poll showed that 55 per cent of the Spanish believe France to be hostile towards Spain, and 61 per cent consider it an 'annoying' neighbour. The French, however, have quite a different view of Spain, three-quarters believing it to be a friend of France, and nearly two-thirds considering it a 'pleasant' neighbour.

King Juan Carlos is due to return to Spain tonight after visiting the French Aerospace factory in Cannes where telecommunications satellites and material for guiding ballistic missiles are made.



King Juan Carlos and President Mitterrand at the Elysee Palace after signing the declaration.

Posthumous acquittal for murder case wife

From David Watts Tokyo

Almost six years after she died, claiming innocence to the last, a Japanese woman who spent 13 years in prison for the murder of her common-law husband has been cleared of the crime.

Miss Shigeo Fuji was posthumously acquitted yesterday by the Tokushima district court, 32 years after the crime was committed. It was the first such re-trial in Japan.

Miss Fuji was originally convicted on the evidence of two youths, then minors, who worked in the radio shop run by Mr Kamesaburo Saegusa, with whom Miss Fuji lived.

The two boys said they saw Miss Fuji struggling with the victim, and later disposed of a knife on her behalf. The two later retracted their evidence, saying it had been given under pressure.

Miss Fuji withdrew a planned appeal against the conviction when it became clear that the legal proceedings would use up most of the money available for the education of her children. Instead she served the 13-year sentence.

It was not until a year after her death in 1979 that she was granted a re-trial.

Miss Fuji's children will be eligible for state compensation of about 32-million yen (17,000) if prosecutors decide not to appeal against the reversal.

Border deal on markers by Greece and Albania

From Mario Modiano Athens

Greece and Albania have agreed to restore markers along their common land border as a protection against frontier incidents. A protocol signed in Athens at the end of a week-long visit by a four-member Albanian military delegation also set down rules for the settlement of border disputes.

This was the first time in more than 45 years that Albanian officers had set foot in Athens. Frontier security in Albania comes under the jurisdiction of the Interior Ministry.

Greek officials said the repair or replacement of the concrete blocks that mark the 154 mile frontier would prevent incidents such as one in 1983 when Albanian frontier guards shot at two Greek villagers who had strayed across the unmarked border during a hunting trip. One was killed.

The two countries re-affirmed their desire to improve relations after the death of the Albanian leader, Mr Enver Hoxha, last April, and plan negotiations to delineate the boundary dividing their continental shelf, especially in the area between the Albanian coast and the Greek island of Corfu.

Efforts by Mr Hoxha's successor, Mr Ramiz Alia, to regularize Albania's external relations are not limited to Greece.

Letter from Tokyo

British pioneers test an ethic

Shortly after he arrived in Japan one of the supervisors being trained by Nissan for its new factory in North-East England was asked what he liked to eat.

Spaghetti was his favourite dish, he replied, but he also liked steak. At dinner a few nights later with the family of his opposite number at Nissan, the wife brought in a spaghetti dish fit for any Roman table. When he had polished that off and was sitting back, he was amazed to see an enormous steak.

The wife's concern was not merely another expression of the often staggering lengths to which Japanese will go to entertain visitors but of the essence that Nissan will bring to its new plant.

The supervisors who have returned to Britain at the end of their training went imbued with a feeling that they are engaged in nothing less than a new industrial revolution in the North-East, the heirs of those who built the Tyne bridge, as one of them put it. The fact that their work practices and organizational methods will owe more to Oppama, Japan, than Sunderland has little or nothing to do with it.

Admittedly, they were hand-picked by Nissan, only 22 surviving of 3,500 interviewed, and have gone through what one of them called 'a salmon stream of tests'.

The challenge presented by bringing a group of Englishmen from varying backgrounds, many with no previous experience in the industry, and training them in a Japanese environment, where culture and custom present such vastly different faces and where communication can be extraordinarily difficult, was enormous.

The suspicion, certainly among elements of the British press, was that they would be turned into mindless automatons, squeezed into the same mould which produces such good results in Japan. But by the very nature of the men Nissan chose, they were unlikely to become prisoners of the Japanese system.

Take the notorious morning exercises which so many foreigners consider the ultimate expression of Japan Inc. 'They told us that we could join the morning exercises if we wanted. Sometimes we take part, sometimes not, but we have found that they do create a feeling of teamwork,' one of the supervisors said.

'Morning exercises are one of the things we may take with us to the British plant. What we do in the British plant will be very much up to us. We want to combine the best of Britain and the best of Japan, and one of the good things about Japan is teamwork.'

The fact that Nissan usually has one of its staff present at interviews with the press has been like a red rag to a bull to some correspondents who have been gone to extraordinary lengths to get the 'real' story.

At first, the supervisors were quite keen to see the press, both British and Japanese. But after some exotic attempts to entice them by one British newspaper and endless questions about Mrs Margaret Thatcher and trade friction from the Japanese press, their interest waned.

Though some will undoubtedly see them as part of a kind of Japanese Trojan Horse working their way into the European market since local content will qualify their products as British cars, the Sunderland pioneers are actually taking on the Japanese at their own game.

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Chinese visit to sign trade deal with Russia

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Mr Yao Yilin, the Chinese Deputy Prime Minister, arrived in Moscow yesterday to sign a new five-year trade agreement with Russia, saying that he hoped his eight-day visit would help to 'promote normalization of Sino-Soviet relations'.

Moscow and Peking have been engaged in slow-moving 'normalization' talks since the late President Brezhnev's 'opening to China' in 1982, but have made little progress. There remains profound suspicion and hostility between the two Communist powers, but trade contacts are seen as a way of restoring good relations.

In a speech in the Ukraine last month Mr Mikhail Gorbachev said time had shown that neither side gained from discord, 'let alone unfriendliness and suspicion'. The Soviet leader said Russia would energetically seek the 'complete removal of the negative period in relations'.

Trade between Russia and China last year doubled to reach nearly a thousand million roubles (298 million) and consulates are to be reopened in Shanghai and Leningrad.

For foreign diplomats - and Russians - one of the main points of interest in Mr Yao's visit is not much Sino-Soviet politics as the impending refurbishment of the Chinese restaurant in the Hotel Peking, on Gorkovskiy Square.

One symbol of close Chinese-Russian ties, the hotel and its food has suffered a sad decline during Sino-Soviet hostility, but the Chinese Deputy Premier is said to have brought a new regime of chefs, equipment and supplies with him.

Mr Yao was met by Mr Ivan Arkhipov, the Soviet Deputy Prime Minister, who last year - after an initial hiccup and last minute cancellation - became the most senior Soviet official to visit Peking for some years.

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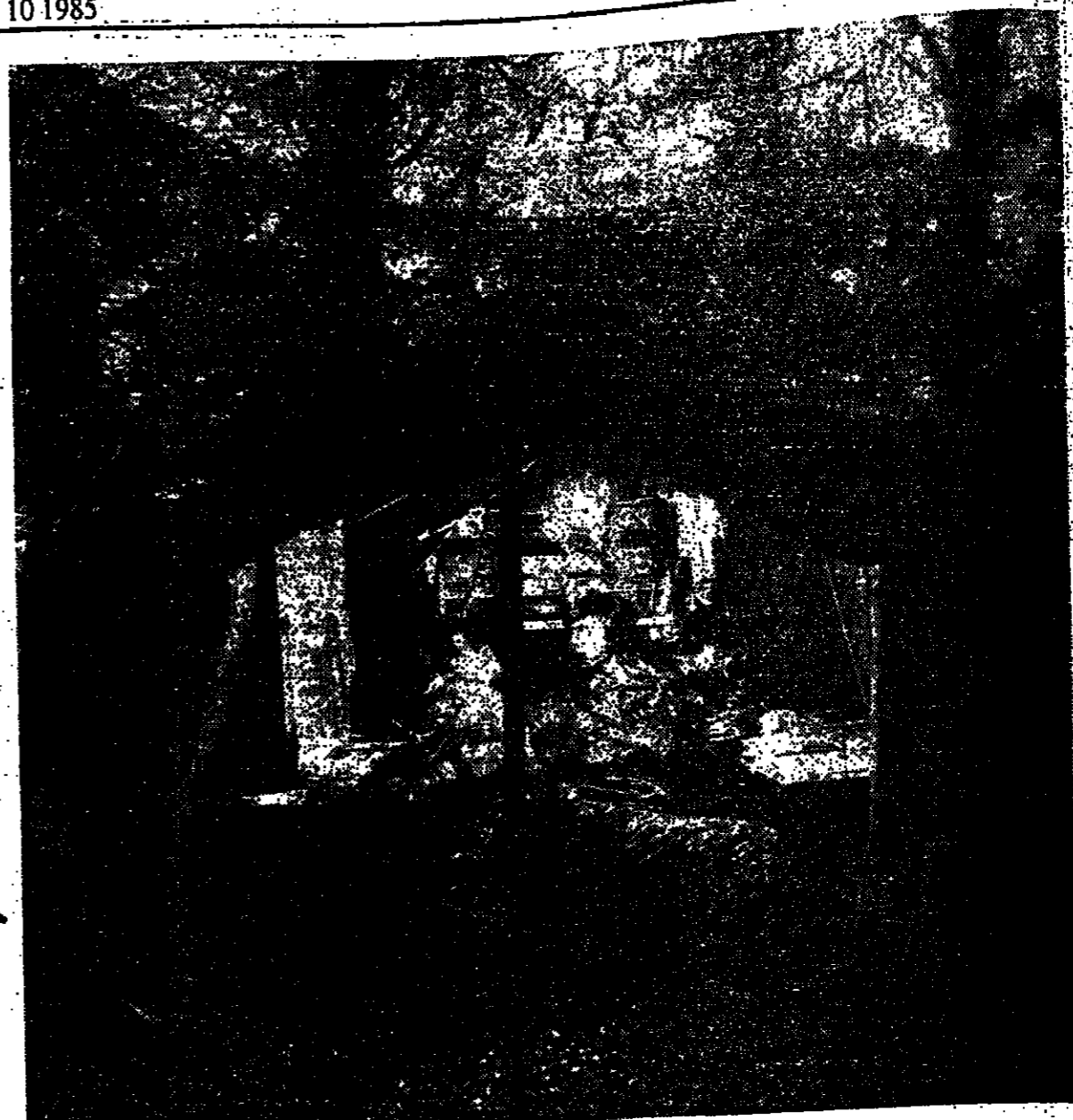
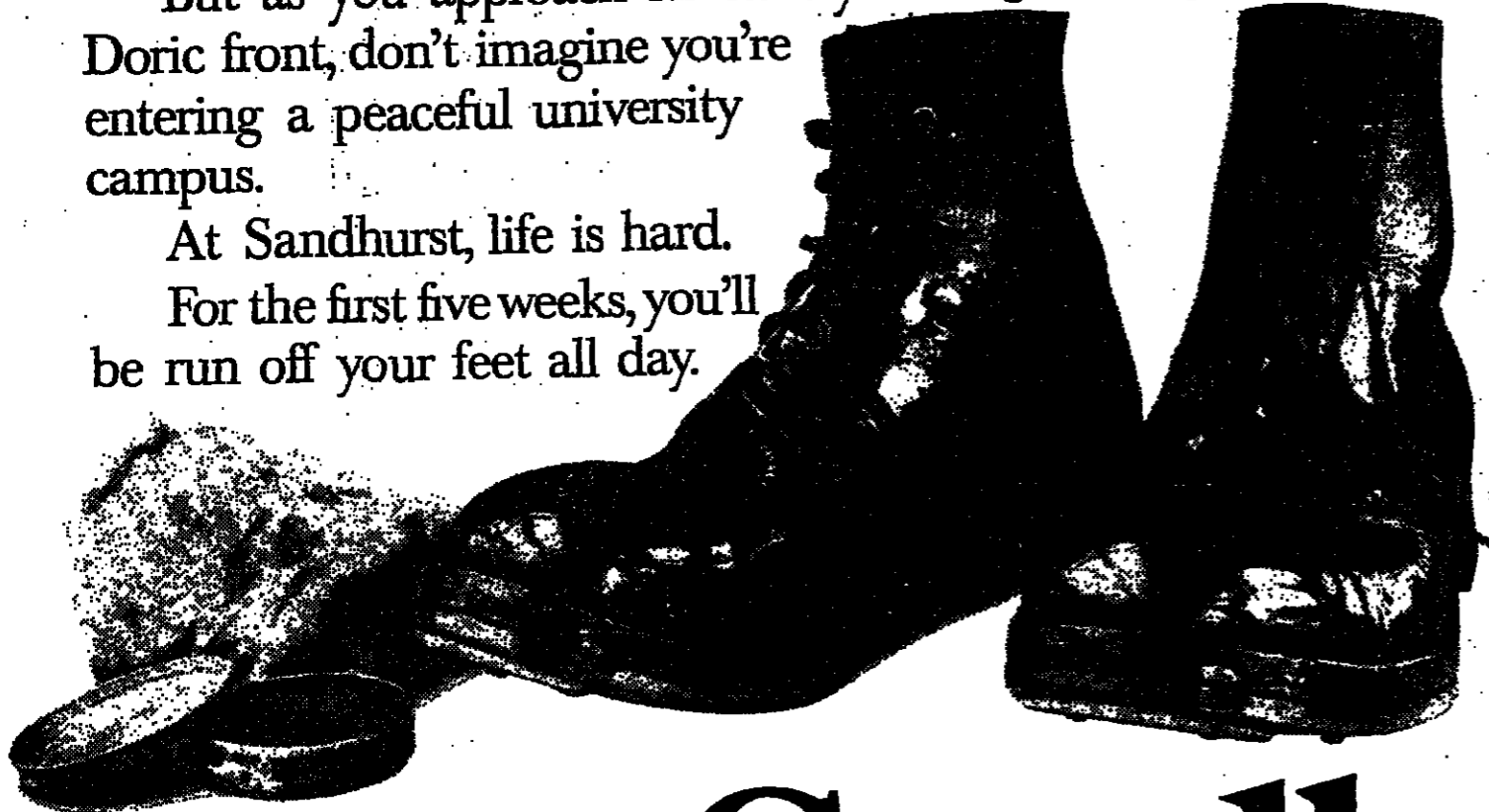
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Zia rules out quick end to martial law

Islamabad - President Huj of Pakistan has refused any date to end the years of martial law. He told journalists in a that evolving a political, administrative, economic and social structure needed before martial law could be lifted. General Zia's statements to the press were made in a speech in Parliament. The law would end only if Parliament had approved a based on recommendations from two committees.

Chambers on official visit

Mr George Chambers, Minister of Finance, Tobago, who is on an official visit to the Caribbean, arrived yesterday with the Department of Industry and Commerce. He is accompanied by City financiers from St. Vincent.

Death without trial for plot

London - A man involved in a plot against the Government has been sentenced to death without trial. Mr. Farouk, 34, was found guilty of plotting the assassination of the Prime Minister, Mr. Indira Gandhi, in 1984.

Grand Duch Charlotte die

London - The Grand Duchesse Charlotte of Luxembourg died of cancer at the age of 70. She was the youngest daughter of the late Grand Duke Jean and the late Grand Duchess Marie-Astruc.

Briton charged

London - A British man has been charged with the murder of a woman in Singapore. The man, 32, is accused of shooting the woman in the chest in a public place in Singapore last month.

No extradition

Ankara - Turkey has refused to extradite a man wanted by Italy for a murder. The man, 35, was arrested in Turkey last month.

Gandhi

Circumstances led India to believe Pakistan is in the making a nuclear bomb. Prime Minister Gandhi said on television last night.

But he will not himself on his own men's intentions being to deny outright might pursue a nuclear

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Zia rules out quick end to martial law

Islamabad - President Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan has refused to fix any date to end the eight years of martial law (Hasan Akhtar writes). He told journalists in Karachi that evolving a political structure, administrative machinery needed to be strengthened before martial law could be lifted. General Zia's statement seems to conflict with recent statements by Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, the Prime Minister, in Parliament that martial law would end as soon as Parliament had approved a Bill based on recommendations from two committees.

Chambers ends official visit

Mr George Chambers, Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, who is trying to diversify the economy of his oil-rich Caribbean domain, ended an official visit to Britain yesterday with talks at the Department of Trade and Industry and a meeting with City financiers (Henry Stanhope writes). Oil prices, international drug problems and the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in the Bahamas next October were the main focal points of discussion during talks at Number Ten with Mrs Thatcher during his two days in Britain.

Death without trial for plotters

Conakry (AFP) - All those involved in last week's failed coup against Guinea's military Government will be executed without trial, Foreign Minister Mr Facinet Toure has confirmed. He told reporters that some of the 30 arrested after last Thursday's attempt also had been detained after an earlier attempt to seize power last January, when 41 people had been arrested.

Grand Duchess Charlotte dies

Luxembourg (Reuters) - Grand Duchess Charlotte, revered here for her wartime broadcasts from Britain, died at her country home aged 89. She ruled the country from 1919 to 1964. After the Nazi invasion in 1940, she fled from Luxembourg and travelled widely in Britain and the US in support of the Allied war effort.

Briton charged

Noumea (AFP) - Malcolm Ross, aged 44, a British citizen living in Australia, was charged here with smuggling more than 14lb of heroin valued at about US\$330,000 into New Caledonia. He was arrested here after arriving from Bombay via Singapore.

No extradition

Ankara (AFP) - Turkey ruled out extraditing Bekir Celenk, one of five Turks accused in Italy of complicity in a 1981 attempt to kill the Pope.

Police kill seven blacks in raid on township funeral vigil

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

At least seven people were shot dead by police yesterday after what the authorities said were attacks by petrol-bomb throwing mobs on black policemen's homes in Kwathema township, near Springs, east of Johannesburg.

But township residents claimed they came under unprovoked police attack when tear gas was thrown into a cinema where they were holding an all-night vigil before the funeral yesterday of four youths killed when grenades exploded in their hands last month.

A police directorate spokesman denied that people had been driven out of the cinema with tear gas but the *Johannesburg Star* newspaper said its reporters found the floors and walls splattered with blood and the steel doors riddled with bullet marks.

Residents told the newspaper that police fired rubber bullets and tear gas into the cinema shortly after midnight and as people scrambled outside in panic they came under fire. Six were killed on the spot.

The police version was that action was taken against rioters who threw a petrol bomb at a policeman's house and stoned another policeman's home. They fled into the cinema, where 30 were arrested.

Nobody was injured or shot at in the cinema, the spokesman said, but seven men were killed when the police opened fire with birdshot and pistols in dispersing the crowd attacking the policeman's homes.

Community leaders in Kwathema and the nearby Duduza and Tsakane townships yesterday called on the Government to appoint an independent commission of inquiry into recent police action in the area.

This follows reports, which the authorities have described as "calculated lies", that police have disguised themselves in balaclava helmets before attacking township residents. Newspaper photographs have clearly shown balaclava-clad police in action.

Yesterday General Johann Coetzee, Commissioner of Police, said that people accusing the police of being behind the worsening unrest should come forward with the facts.

Allegations that policemen disguise themselves, shoot people in cold blood and abduct others are heresy of all truth," he said. "It is the right of all persons in any part of South Africa to supply police with information that can help solve a crime."

But township leaders asked what was the point of giving facts to the man being accused. They called on the Government to appoint an independent commission of inquiry which could approach the families of people killed.

Late yesterday two youths were shot and seriously wounded as crowds clashed with police as they left the funeral of the grenade victims. Outside a funeral service was attended by thousands of people, a police car was set on fire in retaliation.



Angry youths at the funeral in Kwathema escorting vehicles carrying the bodies of four blacks killed by grenades last month. Thousands of mourners gathered at the township's stadium to hear a funeral sermon.

500 Soviet and Afghan troops dead or captured

From Richard Ford, Delhi

Resistance fighters in a strategically important valley north of Kabul are continuing to inflict heavy casualties on Soviet and Afghan troops, according to Western diplomats in Delhi.

The Mujahidin guerrillas have attacked convoys carrying soldiers and petrol along the Panjshir Valley, and according to one report up to 350 Afghan soldiers are believed to have died in an attack between Anawa and Gulbahaer at the beginning of the month.

One source has reported that up to 500 Soviet and Afghan troops may have been killed or captured during the last few weeks in operations in the valley. The continuing conflict in the Panjshir is, according to diplomatic sources, causing serious manpower shortages and they say that some guards from embassies in Kabul have been ordered to go to the valley.

In Kabul, where a guerrilla rocket attack landed inside the Soviet embassy compound on the night of July 2-3, injuring six guards, there has been an increased effort to get conscripts. One source claimed that even men who had completed military service were being rounded up.

Losses among the elite 444 commando battalion have, according to a diplomatic source, reduced its strength by 80 per cent, either by casualties or desertion. In an attempt to reinforce the troop's strength two battalions, 2,400 men, from the Afghan Eighth Division have been sent to the Panjshir, though these two are not fully effective because of a heavy casualty rate.

It is reported that the Salang to Kabul road has been closed to civilian traffic on several days during the last two weeks, though at least one lorry carrying beer was able to pass after paying tolls to young Mujahidin.

Rail bridge collapse delays famine aid

From Gill Lusk, Khartoum

The collapse of a railway bridge in western Sudan at the weekend will delay thousands of tonnes of desperately needed food from reaching the country's famine-stricken Darfur region. Government and donor organisations were holding urgent meetings yesterday and today to decide on measures to mitigate this latest disaster in a string of holdups to one of the world's largest relief operations.

The accident, which reportedly killed two people as two locomotives and nine wagons fell into the Hamadi River in Kordofan region, highlights the enormous logistics problems

confronting the shipment of food to Darfur and other famine areas. The 20 metre bridge over the normally dry river bed was swept away when torrential rains provoked a flash flood that breached the El Obeid-Kadugli road, newly constructed by a Dutch company. The Dutch Government has now offered to help finance the cost of rebuilding the bridge. "If the train involved had been a passenger train", said one official, "there could have been more than 1,000 killed."

Rebuilding the bridge could take weeks if not months, say officials, as plant access to the

site is currently impossible due to bad weather conditions. Experts hope to build a detour, expected to take at least a week, which itself could be threatened by further heavy rain.

Even a week's further delay, which some believe is optimistic, means that around 6,000 tonnes of grain supplied by the US Agency for International Development will fail to reach Darfur at recent delivery rates. Donors are therefore examining further emergency steps. "I'd now like to think that we'd get into air dropping much faster", an EEC official said.

A spokesman for USAid said

the US Government is "still exploring the possibility of using aircraft".

Pressure for airdrops has been growing as rail and road continue to fail to move sufficient quantities of grain. But with air costs dauntingly high, donors have continued to put the emphasis on cheaper means. The EEC is expected to sign a contract today to finance trucking for the League of Red Cross Societies and USAid this week announced that they would supply a further 100 lorries for contractors Arkel-Tatab. The firm is now moving more than 3,000 tonnes of USAid grain a day.

South Africa locks out protest group

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

A group of Irish anti-apartheid campaigners was escorted aboard a London-bound jet here last night after being refused entry into South Africa.

The group, led by Miss Mary Manning, the Dunnes Stores supermarket check-out girl who refused to ring up South African fruit on her till and sparked a year-long strike, flew out from Johannesburg in the same British Airways aircraft that had arrived with them seven hours earlier.

They were to have been guests for two weeks of the South African Council of Churches.

A Home Affairs Ministry spokesman said in Pretoria that three Irish citizens who arrived on the same flight were being allowed to enter South Africa as tourists but the anti-apartheid group of 10 women was being refused entry.

Mr Stoffel Botha, Home Affairs Minister, described the affair as "sordid" and said the group's sole purpose was "to fuel their own prejudices and bring the South African Government into disrepute". He said that Miss Manning and an unidentified companion

were originally told they were welcome to visit South Africa but six others accompanying them were informed that visa exemptions they enjoyed as Irish or British citizens had been revoked and that they should apply for visas before travelling.

"They ignored this injunction and it also turned out that the party comprised more people than the original eight."

Mr Botha said: "Events have demonstrated that Miss Manning and her companion were either the instigators of or participants in an underhand ploy calculated to embarrass the South African Government. It is clear that the guests of the SACC and the group as a whole had no interest whatsoever in the welfare of the communities in this country affected by the disinvestment and boycott campaign overseas."

A council of churches spokesman said: "They should have been allowed to come in and see the situation in which blacks live and to see the face of apartheid for themselves. South Africa always says that people must come and see the situation for themselves."

Gandhi cites Pakistan bomb evidence

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Circumstantial evidence has led India to believe that Pakistan is in the process of making a nuclear bomb, India's Prime Minister Mr Rajiv Gandhi, said on British television last night.

But he will not commit himself on his own Government's intentions beyond refusing to deny outright that India might pursue a nuclear weapons

programme in response. Asked by the interviewer, Mr Karan Thapar, to identify the evidence which has led Delhi's leaders to suspect Pakistan, he said on Channel Four's *Eastern Eye* programme: "They have very large nuclear facilities. They have enrichment facilities without any need for enriched uranium. So we don't know where that enriched uranium is going."

And just recently there was the case in the United States where the Pakistani individual was caught trying to smuggle out 50 triggering devices for nuclear weapons.

Mr Gandhi also claimed to have hard evidence from the FBI and also on television film of terrorist schools within the United States where Sikh extremists have been trained.

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Gun shown to Gandhi plot trial

From Richard Ford, Delhi

The special .38 revolver allegedly used to murder Mrs Indira Gandhi was exhibited at the trial here yesterday of three men said to have planned her killing.

Wrapped in a white handkerchief with red seals, the gun said to have been used by Beant Singh, himself shot dead in the attack, to assassinate the former Indian Prime Minister was unwrapped before the judge, Mahesh Chandra, in the court room at Tihar Jail in Delhi's Central Prison.

Assistant sub inspector Dharam Singh told the court that he was on duty at a wicket gate separating Mrs Gandhi's home, 1 Safdarjung Road, from a building housing her staff offices throughout the night and at 7.30am on the morning of the killing was relieved by Beant Singh.

He handed Beant Singh the revolver in its holster and 18 live cartridges for the gun.

Yesterday the gun was then handed to the judge who nursed it carefully before twiddling it in his hands and handing it to the prosecution lawyer, Mr K. Arora, who held it aloft for the court, packed with 47 people, to see.

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Axe starts to swing through Moscow's corridors of power

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Heads are beginning to roll in a number of ministries in Moscow in the wake of last week's Supreme Soviet, which announced changes at the top in the Kremlin.

One of the first to go is the elderly minister in charge of a key consumer sector, replaced in an attempt to appease disgruntled Soviet shoppers.

In an announcement, tucked away on an inside page, Prizna said Mr Nikolai Tarasov, aged 74, was retiring as Minister for Light Industry, a post he has held for 20 years. His successor is Mr Vladimir Klyuev, a Central Committee member for the past nine years.

Kremlin watchers expect further ministerial changes as the effects of a hard-hitting speech by Mr Mikhail Gorbachev last month begin to have an impact. At a party conference on science and technology, Mr Gorbachev launched a devastating critique of the Soviet economic malaise and singled out several ministers by name for having failed to fulfil their promises of improved performance, a sure sign that careers were about to be cut short.

One of the men named by Mr Gorbachev, Mr Ivan Kazantsev, has been retired from the Ministry of Ferrous Metals "on health grounds". He is succeeded by his deputy, Mr Serafim Kolpakov, who has the unenviable task of proving to Mr Gorbachev that he can raise ferrous metals production, which fell this year compared to last.

Simmering Soviet consumer discontent over shortages and long queues led Mr Gorbachev to introduce labour camp sentences in April for shop managers found selling shoddy goods. The Central Committee called for a 30 per cent increase in consumer goods by 1990 and an 80 per cent increase in consumer goods by the end of the century.

The Soviet press has revealed that 12 million pairs of shoes are returned to the shops by dissatisfied customers every year, and that one in three colour television sets needs repairing as soon as it has been plugged in. Despite the introduction of experimental wage systems in light industry, Mr Tarasov has come under fire for failing to meet targets or equip factories with new technology.

The satirical magazine *Krokodil* said this month that Soviet chinaware was full of defects because it was being made of kaolin meant for toilets. "One uses a coffee cup for one thing and a toilet bowl for another", *Krokodil* observed.

There is also a new Minister of Electrical Engineering, Mr Gennady Voronski, and a new Transport Construction Minister, Mr Vladimir Brechnev, who is not related to the late president, increasingly blamed for Russia's present economic ills.



Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, greeting a bill-tribe child at a Thai refugee camp.

Cambodia listed for summit agenda

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

President Reagan hopes to discuss the problem of Cambodia with the Soviet leader, Mr Gorbachev, at their meeting in Geneva later this year, according to the American Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz. Mr Shultz said the question was on the American list of topics for the Geneva summit. The final agenda was now being worked out in discussions with Moscow, he said, but had not yet been decided.

Speaking at the end of a three-day visit to Thailand, Mr Shultz said: "Cambodia is very much on our minds in Washington."

The only way to end the conflict there, he suggested, was for Vietnam to pull out of the country and turn its attention to the welfare of its own people. As it was, Vietnam economically was standing still compared with other parts of South East Asia.

Earlier Mr Shultz visited tens of thousands of refugees on the Thai-Cambodian border. He told them the United States would respond to their plight with continuing humanitarian and economic aid. He ignored pleas for military assistance from some of the refugee leaders.

Some of the refugees called out "America, Number One" to Mr Shultz while others chanted: "we want to go home, give us arms."

Later, at a press conference in Bangkok, Mr Shultz said the United States would "go on building up the capacity of the Thai armed forces. The aim, he said, was to make Thailand strong enough to deter any attack. That was needed because Vietnam had a record of aggression.

Refusing to comment on American newspaper reports that the CIA had been aiding anti-Vietnamese guerrillas, Mr Shultz said it was policy for the Administration never to comment on CIA activities, however, the report of CIA involvement did not surprise foreign aid officials and correspondents who have observed CIA men working with the resistance for years.

Vietnam accused of using forced labour on border

From Paul Routledge, Kuala Lumpur

The six Asean nations yesterday accused the Vietnamese Army occupying Cambodia of forcing civilians to do hard labour in war zones on the Thai border.

They said that as many as 20,000 villagers have been conscripted against their will to dig trenches and build roads and walls to create a "Berlin Wall-style" barrier in the bitterly-contested border territory.

In the final communiqué at the close of the Association of South East Asian Nations conference, foreign ministers noted "with serious concern" the "oppressive conditions under which the Cambodian people have to live under Vietnamese occupation especially the practice of compelling civilians to work in the war zones in the country, which has caused numerous casualties."

The ministers were reluctant publicly to give details about the sources of their allegations, but a Thai diplomat said information had come from refugees and members of the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea.

The Asean ministers also complained about the dangers of "continuing demographic changes" brought about by forced resettlement and people fleeing their homes. They criticized sharply the "ongoing process of Vietnamization and colonization that continues to drive masses of Cambodian people to the Thai border area.

The group re-affirmed its support for the CGDK coalition led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

Bombs sow panic in Jaffna

Colombo - Several bombs exploded in Jaffna, Sri Lanka's northern capital, yesterday as talks to find a solution to Sri Lanka's ethnic crisis continued for the second day in Bhutan (Vijitha Yapa writes).

Security sources said unidentified youths threw bombs near the Duraiappah stadium, causing panic while workers were on their way to offices. No one was hurt. The sources blamed Tamil separatists.

Tamil students yesterday protested in Jaffna against the present ceasefire, saying it was a trick by the Sri Lanka Government to buy time and more military hardware to crush the Tamil separatist movement.

In Colombo, Defence Ministers sources said there had been 116 acts of violence by the terrorists since the ceasefire came into effect on June 18.

Sudan links with Libya alarm US

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Washington is expressing "grave concern to Sudan at the prospects of a military relationship between Sudan and Libya, the White House spokesman said yesterday.

He was commenting on reports that Libya had signed a military protocol for logistical support and training with Sudan, which strategically borders southern Egypt, a close ally of the United States.

The spokesman said that Washington had received "repeated assurances from the new Sudanese Government that any improvement in Sudan's relations with Libya would not be at the expense of its ties with the US."

He added that the information here had seen on the military agreement was sketchy at best. It was not clear if it had been ratified by the Sudanese.

He said American views on Libya - which the Reagan Administration has repeatedly accused of supporting international terrorism - had been shared with the Sudanese leadership.

Sudan's coup in early April which ended the 16-year rule of the pro-American General Nimeiry, the new Sudanese Government has been trying to improve relations with Libya.

Russians put more emphasis on détente

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Soviet comment on the Star Wars programme remained uncompromisingly harsh yesterday despite reports from the United States that Soviet negotiators at the Geneva arms talks might be willing to consider a flexible formula under which testing of Star Wars weapons would be banned but research would be permitted.

Members of an eleven-man House of Commons delegation from the Foreign Affairs select committee who held talks with senior Soviet officials yesterday, said they detected little or no Soviet flexibility over Star Wars.

The Soviet side, led by Mr Boris Ponomarev, a candidate politician member, had not made a distinction between research and testing, and had said the Star Wars research led directly to weapons production.

The Russians had appeared obsessed with Star Wars and had admitted they had their own laser technology research but had insisted it was for peaceful purposes only.

At the same time diplomats noted a growing stress on détente in Kremlin pronouncements in the wake of the announcement that Mr Mikhail Gorbachev and President Reagan are to hold a summit in November at Geneva.

Making his first appearance as Foreign Minister since he was unexpectedly appointed last Tuesday, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze agreed with Mr Peter Varkey, his Hungarian counterpart, that there was "a real chance of reviving détente."

The statement appeared in a communiqué in *Pravda* yesterday, together with a call for "honest and constructive" East West dialogue.

Mr Shevardnadze, a man of almost no experience in diplomacy and foreign affairs, has his eye not only on the November summit but also on the East-West meeting in Helsinki in three weeks time. He will face some tough talking from several long-serving Western foreign ministers over Soviet abuses of human rights.

Mr Shevardnadze, aged 57, has spent the past week winding up his affairs in Tbilisi, where he has been Georgian party leader since 1972.

Officials in Moscow are waiting to see if Mr Shevardnadze will bring any advisers with him from Tbilisi. Diplomats said that even if he did the experienced professionals who served under Mr Gromyko at the foreign ministry would dominate the conduct of policy.

Reagan launches battle to break deadlock over budget deficit

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan, struggling to maintain the momentum of his second Administration, is mustering his forces for a big fight on two issues that threaten to inflict serious damage on his authority for the rest of his presidency: tax reform and the budget deficit.

Yesterday he met Republican congressional leaders to discuss ways of breaking the deadlock over the 1986 Budget. He has already called off his campaign on tax reform in order to concentrate on the impasse, which threatens to leave the Administration without a budget or any way of cutting the deficit, now estimated at over \$200 billion dollars (\$150 billion).

House and Senate negotiators have broken off talks on resolving their differences over the level of military spending and social security payments. The Senate, where the Republicans have a majority, still insists on freezing cost-of-living increases next year, but wants to allow the Pentagon a rise to keep pace with inflation. The House of Representatives, controlled by the Democrats, has voted for the opposite.

Both the Republicans and Democrats have called for presidential leadership, and Senator Robert Dole, the Republican leader, said he was looking for new ideas from the White House in the next few days.

Mr Reagan has been deeply embarrassed by predictions, especially by Mr David Stockman, his Budget Director, that taxes may have to be raised if the budget cannot be cut further and that the deficit would be increased by a further \$50 billion if Mr Reagan's tax reforms are implemented. One compromise now before congressional leaders would cut the deficit by nearly \$70 billion over three years. The President has insisted he will not raise taxes to plug the gap.

In his weekly budget address on Saturday, Mr Reagan called on Congress to reduce the deficit through domestic spending cuts, and said he would not cut defence spending, which accounts for a third of the budget, any further.

"We refuse to make a choice between a budget that threatens national security and a spending orgy that threatens the national economy," he said.

The President's frustration at having to lobby to save what he can of his original proposals comes at a time when his loudly trumpeted plans for a thoroughgoing reform of the tax system also appear to be falling apart. The general public has been noticeably indifferent to the vociferous proposals, while vociferous lobbying against them from big business and other interest groups from the President's own party.

The hostage crisis overshadowed Mr Reagan's campaign for his reforms, but support has also been eroded by three other factors: the special treatment given to the oil industry, which has encouraged others to seek the same; the realization that the rich will benefit far more than the middle classes; and predictions that the proposals will increase the deficit.

Legislation may still be possible next year, but by then the plan will no longer be the vote-catcher the President was hoping for. Meanwhile, Congress will have a hard job this month to pass the Budget and other outstanding legislation before the August recess. Failure to do so would be an ominous prelude to the Senate elections next year and a damaging blow to Mr Reagan, however, high he is now riding on the crest of the relief at the return of the hostages.

British ideas taken up

From Ian Murray, Luxembourg

British ideas for streamlining EEC decision-making procedures are to be taken up again by Luxembourg, which has just taken over the presidency of the community's Council of Ministers. Mr Jacques Santer, the Luxembourg Prime Minister, told the European Parliament here today, when he outlined his plans for running community business over the next six months.

The ideas, including greater use of majority voting while protecting the veto right, were on the table at the Milan summit ten days ago. They were not approved, however, after Britain was unable to stop seven countries, voting to hold an inter-governmental conference to discuss changes to the Treaty of Rome.

Mr Santer said yesterday that he would be making final arrangements later this month for calling this conference. It is likely to start in September and could take months.

Mr Santer said that there were not enough member state, although he agreed that some states wanted to translate their economic and political involvement with the community into agreement on increasing the competence of community institutions.

M. Jacques Delors, the Commission President, told the Parliament that there were now in fact four different schools of thought about running the community and this had shown up at the Milan summit.

There were those who accepted the treaty but wanted to go a stage further. There were those in favour of a free trade area with added responsibility for foreign policy co-ordination. There were those who favoured a "two-speed Europe". And there were those in favour of an inter-governmental approach.

Members were also given a chance for a first look at the 1986 community budget, the first drawn up for a 12-nation community and the first using a new higher legal ceiling. Its total cost is estimated by the commission to be £21,630 million, which is 16.6 per cent up on last year.

Mr Henning Christophersen, the budget commissioner, explained that the community still had very little room for financial manoeuvre so he was being pragmatic and realistic in his approach.

The budget proposes an increase of 2.4 per cent in agricultural spending, which is only just inside the limits set on Monday by finance ministers meeting in Brussels.

Denktas in plea for peace

Ankara - Mr Raul Denktas, sworn in yesterday as President of the "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus" at the newly elected Parliament, called on Greek Cypriots "not to go to arms but come to the negotiating table for a peaceful partnership."

Car first

Kuala Lumpur. (Reuter) - With the push of a button Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister of Malaysia, launched the production line of the country's first national car, the Proton Saga. He took the first vehicle for a short test drive.

Expanding Rock

Gibraltar - The Rock of Gibraltar is growing larger each day though Spain might be shrinking. The colony's Government is reclaiming land from the sea with Spanish limestone crossing the frontier in daily lorry loads of 140,000 tons.

Anger over block on envoys

From Michael Binyon, Washington

In a voice vote on Monday, the Senate confirmed the nomination of Mr John Whitehead, a former Wall Street Executive, as Deputy Secretary of State in succession to Mr Kenneth Dam, who left to go into business.

But a group of conservatives, led by Senator Jesse Helms (Republican, North Carolina), is still holding up 28 nominations, including those of two important ambassadors-designate, Mr Richard Burr to West Germany and Mr Thomas Pickering to Israel.

Senator Helms offered no objection to Mr Whitehead's filling of the number two post in the State Department. But his refusal to allow the other nominations to go forward has embarrassed and angered the Administration and Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, in particular.

Mr Helms is holding the appointments hostage until he gets assurances that six conservative diplomats will retain their present posts or that Mr Shultz will find suitable positions for those who will be replaced.

Conservatives have been complaining since last autumn that Mr Shultz is trying to replace political appointees in key positions with career Foreign Service officers.

The administration, which hopes to resolve the issue this week, will probably find jobs for the six conservatives.

Ultimatum from unions in Israel

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

Israeli trade unions yesterday threatened to bring the country to a standstill at the beginning of next week if no breakthrough is made in negotiations with the Government on the terms of its economic austerity plan.

Mr Chaim Haberfeld, head of the Histadrut (General Federation of Labour) trade union section, said yesterday: "We are moving towards a total shutdown of the economy on Sunday or Monday."

Meanwhile, the selected strikes of yesterday would continue today, he said.

It was under this threat of rapidly deteriorating labour relations that Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, his Finance Minister, Mr Yichak Modet, and the Histadrut Secretary-General, Mr Israel Kessar met for the second successive day yesterday.

Some progress was made but no breakthrough achieved. The three have scheduled another meeting for this afternoon. Mr Peres was cautious about the prospects of an immediate breakthrough but was optimistic that an agreement would be reached by Monday.

Yesterday the public was relatively unaffected by the strike action. Civil servants stopped work for three hours, and the electricity workers, communications workers and seamen began an open-ended strike.

But the nearest Israeli units, only 40 yards away at the beginning of this year, are now more than 20 miles to the south. Over the past few weeks the daily high-altitude reconnaissance flights over the Bekaa by a pair of Israeli jets have been the only sign of Israel's continuing military interest in this area of Lebanon.

Meanwhile in Beirut yesterday Miss Susan Grant, the daughter of the kidnapped British freelance writer Alec Collett, met officials of the Amal militia movement at their headquarters in West Beirut to discuss her father's abduction.

TV-am, the British television company, yesterday found itself having to deny reports that it was offering hours of air-time to Mr Collett's captors in return for his release. Arabic language papers in Beirut carried reports to this effect, apparently based on a Reuters dispatch which Mr Derek Maitland, the TV-am producer who is travelling with Miss Grant, says was inaccurate.

Mr Maitland, it seems, is prepared to report on the kidnappers' demands if TV-am is able to locate Mr Collett, but he says that he has no intention of giving them hours of television time.

Syrians quietly pull troops out of Lebanon

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

While the US, Lebanon and Israel have been pre-occupied with the aftermath of the US hostage crisis in Beirut, Syria has quietly - and without publicity - been withdrawing up to 10,000 of its men from Lebanon, at least one brigade being pulled out of the Bekaa Valley in the east of the country. The withdrawal, which has been going on for almost two weeks, means that President Assad will have fewer than 25,000 soldiers left in Lebanon, possibly even fewer as maintenance and supply units leave the mountains east of Tripoli.

Syria has always said that it would withdraw its army in the country only when the last Israeli soldiers had left. Despite claims to the contrary, the Israelis have, in fact, still not pulled all their troops out of Southern Lebanon, they can be found today inside their buffer zone along the frontier, but Syria's action is a *de facto* recognition that the Israeli army has reduced its presence to a minimum.

The Syrian front line in the Bekaa has also been thinned although it remains just south of the main Beirut-Damascus highway, reinforced by T-72 battle tanks and long-range artillery.

Crew abandons ship after Gulf blast

Bahrain (Reuter) - The crew of a Turkish supertanker abandoned ship in the Gulf yesterday after an apparent Iraqi missile strike blasted a hole in its starboard side and set it ablaze, shipping sources said.

The 33 Turkish officers and men aboard the 188,868-ton M Vatan took to lifeboats and were picked up by salvage tugs and other vessels.

The sources said the ship, which had loaded about 300,000 tons of crude oil at the main Iranian terminal of Kharg Island, was leaking large volumes of crude.

A pall of black smoke and an oil slick was visible for a substantial distance around the ship, which was hit about 20 miles from the Iranian coast.

The M Vatan was the third tanker in three months confirmed to be hit on Iran's shuttle service between Kharg and Sirri Island, a temporary oil terminal outside the presumed range of Iraqi air attack.

A military spokesman in Baghdad said Iraqi jets scored an "accurate and effective hit" on a "large naval target" at about the time the M Vatan was hit.

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Limit to bank customer's duty of care to prevent forgery of cheques

Tai Hing Cotton Mill Ltd v Liu Chong Hing Bank Ltd and Others
Before Lord Scarman, Lord Roskill, Lord Brandon of Saisbrook, Lord Brightman and Lord Templeman [Judgment delivered July 5]

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council held that banks which had paid out on forged cheques were not entitled to debit the customer's account with that amount since, unless it was otherwise agreed, the only duty of care owed by a customer to his bank in the operation of a current account was to exercise reasonable care in drawing his cheques and to notify the bank of any forgery of which he became aware, or may not have been aware, as soon as he was aware of it.

Their Lordships allowed an appeal by the plaintiff company, Tai Hing Cotton Mill Ltd, from a decision of the Court of Appeal of Hong Kong on January 27, 1984 (1984) 1 Lloyd's Rep 555 who dismissed the company's appeal and allowed a cross-appeal by the first defendant, Liu Chong Hing Bank Ltd, from the judgment of Lord Justice Mantell, who dismissed the company's claim for declarations that the first defendant was not entitled to debit the company's account with HK \$3,082,212.19 in relation to \$187,195; the second defendant, Bank of Tokyo Ltd, with \$809,804; and the third defendant, the First Bank Limited, with \$1,549,070; being sums paid by the banks in relation to cheques on which the drawer's signature had been forged.

Sir Patrick Neill, QC, Mr Nicolas Brazza and Mr Robert Tang (the latter of the Hong Kong Bar) for the company; Mr Andrew Morrill, QC, Mr Oswald Cheung, QC and Mr Andrew Li (the latter two of the Hong Kong Bar) for the first defendant bank; Mr Neville Thomas, QC and Mr John Jarvis for the second defendant bank; Mr Peter Horsfield, QC and Mrs Doreen Le Pichon for the third defendant bank.

LORD SCARMAN said that the appeal raised a question of general principle in the law. The company was a customer of the three banks, and maintained a current account with each of them. The banks honoured by payment on presentation some 300 cheques totalling approximately \$5.5 million which on their face appeared to have been drawn by the company and to bear the signature of Mr Chen, the company's managing director.

The banks in each instance debited the company's account with the amount of the cheque. The cheques were not the company's cheques but forgeries. On each Mr Chen's signature had been forged by an accounts clerk employed by the company, Leung Wing Ling.

The central issue in the appeal was upon whom the loss arising from Leung's forgeries was to fall, the company or the banks. The question of general principle was as to the nature and extent of the duty of care owed by a customer to his bank in the operation of a current account.

The company's submission was that, unless banker and customer otherwise agreed, the customer's duty was limited to two sets of circumstances. First, the customer had to exercise reasonable care in drawing his cheques. If a breach of that duty caused the bank to pay on the cheque, the customer bore the loss. Otherwise, if the signature was forged, it was not his cheque and the bank had no authority to pay it or to debit it to the customer's account. The loss fell on the bank.

Second, the customer had to notify the bank of any forgery of which he became aware so as to enable the bank to take adequate precautions against future losses. The submission of the banks was that the relationship of banker and customer gave rise in contract and in tort to a duty owed by the customer to the bank to exercise such precautions as a reasonable customer in his position would take to prevent forged cheques being presented to the bank (the wider duty); or at the very least to check his monthly or other periodic bank statements so as to be able to notify the bank of any items which were not, or might not have been, authorized by him (the narrower duty).

The company and the banks accepted that Hong Kong law on the point was the same as English law, but they differed fundamentally as to what the law was, and was.

If the banks failed on the general point they relied on their banking contracts with the company and, if they could not escape by contract, they sought protection by way of estoppel, submitting that the company was estopped by its own conduct from asserting that the cheques were not its cheques. Finally, if the company succeeded in obtaining an order for repayment of any of the sums debited, there was an issue as to whether the bank was liable to pay interest on the sum so debited.

The company was a textile manufacturer in Hong Kong. In 1972 the company took Leung into its employment. He was distinct but he was trusted until 1978 when he was exposed. Between 1972 and 1978 he made away with some \$7 million by fraud and forgery.

He was in a position to manipulate the accounts for which he was responsible, and the company's system of internal control was ill-adapted either to prevent fraud or to find out about it afterwards.

Specifically the judge found that there was a failure to check or supervise Leung's reconciliation of the monthly bank statements with the company's system of internal financial control as unsound and, from the point of view of preventing or detecting fraud, inadequate.

On the question of general principle the judge accepted the company's submission and rejected the banks' alternative formulations of duty put forward by the banks. He held that the company by failing to challenge the cheques shown on the statements had represented that the debts had been correctly made.

He held that Tokyo and Chekiang had acted in reliance upon those representations by their willingness to continue operating their accounts and to expose themselves to the risk of paying out on forged cheques, but the same prejudice had not been suffered by Liu Chong Hing which only became exposed to the fraud in November 1977.

The judge gave the company judgment against Liu Chong Hing but dismissed its claims against the other two banks. The company appealed and Liu Chong Hing cross-appealed. The Court of Appeal held that the banker/customer relationship was such as to give rise to a general duty of care in the operation of its banking accounts, and that account was in breach of duty and had to bear the loss. The banks emerged from the Court of Appeal with total defeat and now appealed.

The question of general principle could be framed in two ways. If put in terms of the law's development, it was whether two House of Lords decisions, one in 1918 and the other in 1933, represented the existing law. If put in terms of principle, it was whether English law recognized today any duty of care owed by the customer to his bank in the operation of a current account beyond, first, a duty to refrain from drawing a cheque in such a manner as might facilitate fraud or forgery, and second, a duty to inform the bank of any forgery of a cheque drawn on the account as soon as he became aware of it.

The first duty was clearly enunciated by the House of Lords in *Lindsay v. Bank of Montreal* (1918) 151 AC 771, and the second was laid down by the House of Lords in *Greenwood v. Martins Bank Ltd* (1933) AC 51.

The banks accepted that both duties existed and had been recognized for many years to be part of English law. Their case was that English law recognized today, even if it did not in 1918 or 1933, an altogether wider duty of care, namely the wider and narrower duties for which they contended.

They submitted that, given the relationship of banker and customer and the practice of rendering periodic bank statements, such duties as "necessary incidents" of the relationship. They said the source of obligation was to be found both in contract law as an implied term of the banking contract and in the tort law as a civil obligation arising from the relationship of banker and customer.

The banks accepted that *Macmillan's* case appeared to negative the existence of both those duties but said that the law of contract and the law of tort were significantly different in 1918 from the relevant modern law. They pointed to developments in the law relating to the circumstances in which courts could now imply a term into a contract, and to the changes in tort law as to the range of relationships giving rise to liability in tort and as to the circumstances in which loss or damage would be held to result from breach of a duty of care.

Their implied term point they based on *Liverpool City Council v. Irvin* (1977) AC 239; and their tort points on *The Wagon Mound* (1961) AC 388 and *Harris v. Milton London Borough Council* (1978) AC 728.

The Court of Appeal accepted the banks' submissions, and if that was correct the appeal would have to be dismissed because there was no challenge to the judge's finding that, if either of the two duties for which the banks contended existed, the company was in breach of its obligations to the banks. *Macmillan's* case decided that the customer owed his bank a duty to draw cheques with reasonable care to prevent forgery and, if owing to neglect of that duty, forgery took place, the customer was liable to the bank for the loss.

In so formulating the duty the House of Lords excluded as a necessary incident of the banker/customer relationship any wider duty, although of course it was always open to a banker to refuse to do business save upon express terms including such a duty.

The House of Lords approved the judgment of Mr Justice Bray in *Keshavnagar Rubber Estates Ltd v. National Bank of India Ltd* (1909) 2 KB 1010 that, while it was the duty of a customer in issuing his mandates (that is, his cheques) to his bank to take reasonable care not to mislead the bank, there was no duty on the customer to take precautions in carrying on his business to prevent forgeries on the part of his servants.

Put in terms of the banks' submission in this case Mr Justice Bray negated the existence of the two duties contended for and the House of Lords in *Macmillan's* case agreed.

So far as English law was concerned *Macmillan's* case had until now been accepted as a binding precedent on the question under consideration, although leading writers on banking law, notably Sir John Paget, and many of the banking community had never extended it a very warm welcome.

The trial judge had correctly held himself bound to follow the decision. The banks sought to attack the authority of *Macmillan's* in a number of ways. Their less plausible attack was the submission that the decision could be reviewed because it proceeded on a now outmoded and rejected view of the nature of the causal link which the law required to be proved between breach of duty and damage if a plaintiff was to recover damages in an action based on the tort of negligence.

It was true that *Macmillan's* case was decided before *The Wagon Mound* substituted "foreseeability" for "direct cause" as the test of liability in such cases. But it was a travesty of the reasoning in *Macmillan's* case to suggest that causation in the law of tort had anything to do with limiting the duty of care of the customer to the transaction of drawing the cheque.

Indeed the speeches proceeded on the basis that the relationship between banker and customer was contractual and that its incidents in the absence of express agreement, were such as had to be implied into the contract because they could be seen to be obviously necessary.

The weightier submissions advanced by the banks on the general question were that the duties for which they contended had to be implied into the contract, or alternatively that such duties arose in tort from the relationship between banker and customer.

With regard to the implied term the test of implication was necessarily, which was to honour their customer's cheques when drawn upon an account in credit or within an agreed overdraft limit.

Imposition was apt to describe a duty arising in tort but inept to describe the necessary incident arising from a contractual relationship. *Macmillan's* case, decisively illustrated that it was not a necessary incident of the banker/customer relationship that the customer should owe his banker the wider or narrower duty of care.

The relationship between banker and customer was a matter of contract. The classic, though not necessarily exhaustive, analysis of the incidents of the contract was to be found in the judgment of Lord Justice Atkin in *Joachimson v. Swiss Bank Corporation* (1921) 3 KB 110, 127. He clearly felt no difficulty in analysing the relationship upon the basis of the limited duty enunciated in *Macmillan's* case.

The argument for the banks was, when analysed, no more than that the obligations of care placed upon banks in the management of a customer's account which the courts had recognized had become with the development of banking business so burdensome that they should be met by a reciprocal increase of responsibility imposed upon the customer.

One could fully understand the comment of Justice of Appeal Coss in the Court of Appeal that the banks had today to look for protection. So be it. They could increase the severity of their terms of business, and they could use their influence, as they had in the past, to seek to persuade the legislature that they should be granted by statute further protection.

But it did not follow that because they might need protection as their business expanded the necessary incidents of their relationship with their customer also had to change. The business of banking was the business not of the customer but of the bank. They offered a service, which was to honour their customer's cheques when drawn upon an account in credit or within an agreed overdraft limit.

If they paid out upon cheques which were not his, they were acting outside their mandate and could not plead his authority in justification of their debit to his account. That was a risk of the service which it was their business to offer.

The limits set to the risk in the *Macmillan* and *Greenwood* cases could be seen to be plainly necessary incidents of the relationship. Offered such a service, a customer obviously had to take care in the way he drew his cheque, and obviously had to warn the bank as soon as he knew that a forger was operating his account. Their Lordships rejected the implied-term submission.

Their Lordships did not believe that there was anything to be gained by the new development in searching for a liability in tort where the parties were in a contractual relationship. That was particularly so in a commercial relationship.

Though it was possible as a matter of legal semantics to conduct an analysis of the rights and duties inherent in some contractual relationships, including that of banker and customer, either as a matter of contract law when the question would be what, if any, terms were to be implied, or as a matter of tort law when the task would be to identify a duty arising from the proximity and character of the relationship between the parties, their Lordships believed it to be correct in principle and necessary for the avoidance of confusion in the law to adhere to the contractual analysis on principle because it was a relationship in which the parties had subject to a few exceptions, the right to determine their obligations to each other, and for the avoidance of confusion because different consequences followed according to whether liability arose from contract or tort, for example, in the limitation of action.

Their Lordships did not, therefore, embark on an investigation as to whether in the relationship of banker and customer it was possible to identify tort as well as contract as a source of the obligations owed by one to the other. Their Lordships did not, however, accept that the parties' mutual obligations in tort could be any greater than those to be found expressly or by necessary implication in their contract.

If as had been concluded no duty wider than that recognized in *Macmillan* and *Greenwood* could be implied into the banking contract in the absence of express terms to that effect, the banks could not rely on the law of tort to provide them with greater protection than that for which they had contracted.

It was suggested that even if English courts were bound to follow the decision in *Macmillan's* case the Judicial Committee was not so constrained. That was a misapprehension. Once it was accepted that the applicable law was English, the Judicial Committee would follow a House of Lords' decision which covered the point in issue.

The Judicial Committee was not the final judicial authority for the determination of English law. That was the responsibility of the House of Lords in its judicial capacity. Though the Judicial Committee enjoyed greater freedom from the binding effect of precedent than did the House of Lords, it was in no position on a question of English law to invoke the *Practice Statement* (1966) 1 WLR 1234 pursuant to which the House had assumed the power to depart in certain circumstances from a previous decision of the House.

It was, of course, open to the Judicial Committee to depart from a House of Lords' decision in a case where, by reason of custom, statute, or for other reasons peculiar to the jurisdiction, where such a dispute arose, the Judicial Committee was required to determine whether English law should or should not apply.

Only if it was decided or accepted (as in this case) that English law was to be applied would the Judicial Committee consider itself bound to follow a House of Lords' decision.

The company operated its current account with each bank pursuant to the bank's terms and conditions. The terms of business were contractual in effect, but in no case did they constitute "conclusive evidence clauses".

If banks wished to impose upon their customers an express obligation to examine their monthly statements and to make those statements, in the absence of query, unchallengeable by the customer after expiry of a time limit, the burden of the obligation and of the sanction imposed had to be brought home to the customer.

Clear and unambiguous provision was needed if the banks were to impose such a contract binding obligation upon the customer who did not query his bank statement to accept the statement as accurately setting out the debit items in the account.

Having held that the company was not in breach of any duty owed by it to the banks it was not possible to establish an estoppel.

Their Lordships agreed with the judge in his rejection of the submission that because the sums wrongly debited were in non-interest bearing accounts interest was not recoverable. Interest should run from the date the writ was issued.

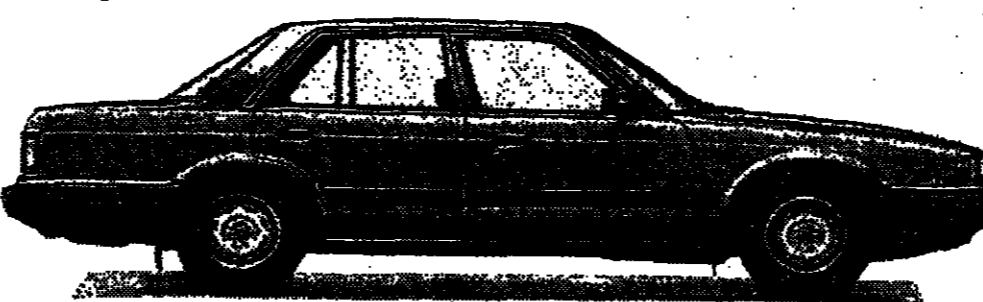
Their Lordships recommended that the appeal should be allowed, and judgment entered for the company for declarations that the banks were not entitled to debit the company's accounts with the sums claimed, together with interest on those sums and costs. Solicitors: Kingsford Dorman; Linklaters & Paines; Cameron Markby; Maxwell Batley & Co.

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Fingerprint power must be exercised judicially

Regina v West London Magistrates' Court, Ex parte Rysler
Before Lord Justice Mustill and Mr Justice Otton [Judgment delivered July 21]

The power of a magistrate under section 49 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 to require an arrested suspect to give his fingerprints or palmprints to the police should be exercised judicially, and there must be grounds upon which such an order could be properly made.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in granting the applicant, Andrew Rysler, an order of certiorari to quash the order of Mr Brian Canham, West London Stipendiary Magistrate, on August 9, 1984, that the defendant give his palmprints and/or fingerprints to the police, and granting an order of mandamus directing the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis to destroy the prints and all copies and records thereof.

Mr Adrian Fulford for the applicant, Mr Kevin de Haan for the respondent.

MR JUSTICE OTTON said that the applicant had been arrested and charged with two offences of assault occasioning actual bodily harm. He was asked to give his palm and fingerprints but refused.

A police inspector applied for an order under section 49 of the 1980 Act requiring the applicant to give his prints. The sole reason put forward in support of the application was that the police wished to verify the applicant's identity. At the hearing before the

magistrate, the police were in possession of the applicant's work pass, and a representative of the applicant's employers confirmed that the applicant had been known to him for three years. Records were produced indicating that the applicant had worked for his employers for 10 years. He had been known to his solicitors since 1981 and was of good character save for one offence of riding a pushbike having consumed excess alcohol. Reference had been made to the guidelines contained in Volume 1 of *Snow's Justices' Manual* 1985 at p34. It was clear that the power to order prints to be given under section 49 must be exercised judicially, and there must be grounds upon which an order under that section could properly be made.

Here there could have been no reasonable doubt as to the applicant's identity and no grounds were disclosed special to the applicant himself.

The general point was raised that many persons appearing before the courts had more than one identity. The magistrate was simply told that the applicant had refused to have his prints taken. If that were to be taken as a basis for making an order, *ex hypothesi* an order could be made in all such cases.

Orders of certiorari to quash the order and mandamus directing the Commissioner to destroy the prints would be granted accordingly. Lord Justice Mustill agreed. Solicitors: Mr M C P O'Dwyer, North Kensington; Metropolitan Police Solicitor.

New frontiers for the map men

Geography, once the sleeping giant of British education, is waking up.

David Walker reports on how the highly popular subject has found a more dynamic and up-to-date image

On April 11, 1984 *Motor-Cycle News* published a letter of complaint from Samantha Warman, of Lyme Regis. "When I was at school", she wrote, "geography was one of my favourite subjects. It certainly can't have been for the members of the Speedway Control Board."

Why didn't they realize that the proposed world speedway final at Odsal Stadium in Bradford was so far out on a limb that she would never be able to get there? Samantha Warman was not implying Bradford was in the middle of nowhere. But with only three other speedway tracks within a 100-mile radius of the city it wasn't exactly - in relation to the other 40 or so speedway tracks in Britain - nodal.

Nodal. With that word Samantha Warman became the heroine of geography teachers and professors throughout the land. Her letter was pored over excitedly at academic conferences, for she disproved their strong belief that geography, despite its immense popularity as a school subject and the large number of students graduating with honours degrees, does not leave much trace.

When they looked at the job prospects of their students recently, geography professors discovered (to their delight) that they found work easily. But they are still wondering why significant numbers of graduate geographers become accountants. The connection between reading maps and reading balance sheets is, they readily admit, a little tenuous.

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But it is a quiet, unassuming subject. Geographers rarely pop up as pundits. The Education Secretary and the Chancellor never exchange memoranda on how to suppress it (as they did with sociology). The Whitehall civil servant who runs the Government's inner cities programme happens to be a geographer; but he is rare. You meet few of them in the corridors of power.

There are, it is true, some Marxist geographers. Professor Doreen Massey, of the Open University, trails her coat in *Marxism Today*. Derek Gregory, of Cambridge, can swap polysyllables with the best of Continental theorists.

There are even Tory geographers, such as Michael Wise of the London School of Economics, a great kindly bear of a man who advises the Government on roads. But most geographers are not political animals; they do, however, take great exception to the old saw that history is about chaps and geography about maps. There has been much urgent thinking in recent months about the image of the subject and how to make it more vital.

Geography in British education was undoubtedly boosted by the imperial connection. Everyone over

30 can remember classrooms festooned with maps with large portions of the globe coloured red, signifying British possession. For generations the map-makers and the topographers had followed the flag and until the Second World War geography teaching reflected this.

For a long time, too, much geography was descriptive - the names of rivers and mountain ranges, and accounts of life in foreign environments (anyone remember what "transhumance" involves?). No longer, says Roger Lee, of Queen Mary College, London. "Contemporary geography is concerned less with the description of the geographical variability of weather, for example, than with the nature and operation of the complex physical processes that drive the atmosphere to produce weather."

Geographers were incensed some time ago when - a rare occurrence - the subject was mentioned on radio, but in a typical bit of phrase-making Robert Robinson referred to its "limitless savannas of unleavened fact".

Not so, says Mr Lee. "It is concerned less with the description of patterns of agricultural land use than with the analysis of economic and social processes that underpin the patterns: it has less interest in cataloguing glacial erosion and deposition that may be derived from such features. Its concern also lies less with the geographical distribution of population than with the social and economic influence which affect family and community."

Geography both suffers and benefits from the anachronistic way in which it is perceived. Parents make school subject choices for their children in a most subjective way. The fact is that geography textbooks look good - full of necessary, useful information. This has led to a remarkable flow of very good students towards the subject.

Geography is the eighth most popular single honours discipline in British universities, 46 of which offer courses with a geographical component (plus some 53 colleges outside the university system). In terms of A-level subject entries, geography ranks about ninth.

One measure of the quality of student geographers is that only 43 per cent of applicants to university geography courses are accepted, compared with 64 per cent of those applying in mathematics and 54 per cent in economics.

In the heart of the school curriculum, in the years up to O-level and CSE, geography's position is strong. In recent years it has attracted the fifth largest subject entry at O-level - after English, language, mathematics, English literature and biology, and significantly ahead of physics, French or even history.

Why, when these figures are so impressive, should teachers of geography be worried about their status and public impact? The blunt answer is falling school rolls, leading to reduced student numbers and tighter competition all round for research money.

But there is another answer: geographers want more recognition because they are convinced their subject has something special to offer modern Britain.

In his address as president of the Geographical Association, Rex Walford, of Cambridge, gave examples of where he thought geographical study and research was particularly forward thinking.



had a more rigorous base than other social sciences. In the 1960s, when sociology went wild and woolly, geography, like economics, went quantitative. It used maths and models to chart human behaviour in the "spatial dimension".

Roger Lee notes that geography has never strayed too far into abstract model-building, nor too far into Marxism, for the good reason that human geography's subject matter - people in places - keeps forcing the theorists back to the specific, the particular and the unique.

"We are interested in the nature of particular places: how a place, town, valley region, becomes a social force helping to explain, say, the development of an industry," he says. "The general models offered by sociology and economics always have to grapple with the real world of places. Explaining how people behave will always, in our view, be a mosaic."

"The complexity of the real world demands a severe rigour. The variable relations between people, society and nature cannot be reduced to simplistic science. As a result geography must necessarily conceive problems in the round, must be sensitive to inter-connections; must in short, be synthetic as well as analytical."

Geography's place in the A-level league

Subject	Numbers of A level entries (England) in thousands
Mathematics	91.5
English	63
Physics	55
Chemistry	47.5
Biology (with botany and zoology)	44.5
Economics	42.5
General studies	40.5
History	37.7
Geography	33.9

As the industrial geography of the United Kingdom shifts from the heavy industry "coffin area" we have to shift our thinking to the "sun belt" pattern along the Bristol-Cambridge axis and confront a new set of locational issues.

We understand cities in terms of London, New York and Tokyo. But Mexico City defies the conventional analysis. In the Third World, if we count people living in the *favelas*, the *hustles* and the shanty-towns, several areas exceed those listed in official statistics as the largest.

We use the seas as hunters and nomads; simultaneously we use them as a bottomless pit for tipping the globe's garbage. Surveys consistently warn the capacity of the seas is finite.

The beauty of geography (say the geographers) is two-fold. Over the years it developed intellectually on two fronts, as both an earth and a human science, demanding A-level preparation in maths, chemistry and physics as well as an arts/social studies subject. The subject's boundary, therefore, runs from the inner life of glaciers to inner cities (there are places where the two are not wholly unconnected).

Perhaps, because of its scientific twin, human geography has always

assumed problems could be solved by governments, and ignore the initiative and endeavour of individuals. Equally they might convince pupils that the shape of the land or the structure of cities was somehow a controlling influence, when both could be changed by individual and collective efforts.

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GEOGRAPHY IN THE CLASSROOM

According to the Geographical Association, geography makes four special contributions to the curriculum:

- **Graphicacy** - the understanding and communication of spatial information through maps and other forms of illustration. Only in geography are pupils taught systematically to read and use maps.
- **World knowledge** - to help the pupil make sense of current events and make informed judgments on economic, political, social and environmental issues. This is particularly important in Britain which maintains its living standards by trading in increasingly competitive world-wide markets.
- **Differential understanding** - of different cultures, both within our society and elsewhere in the world. Geography teachers acknowledge that pupils come to school with their own private views of the world and they seek to provide opportunities for these to develop.
- **Environmental awareness** - how man uses and misuses the world around him. Through study-

ing physical and human resources at a variety of scales from the immediate and local to the world as a whole, pupils learn to move from the familiar and concrete to the more distant, general and, perhaps, abstract. Geography seeks to satisfy and build upon the child's natural curiosity about the world. What gets taught in geography lessons? These examples are taken from a recent edition of the journal *Teaching Geography*:

- Pupils consult older local people and documents about the shape of the land before their 1930s primary school was built.
- A-level candidates study the lay-out of Belfast as an urban agglomeration looking at maps showing the distribution of the unemployed. Protestant and Catholic deprivation and so on.
- Pupils use a school-built sand table to model the effects of river erosion and delta deposition.
- A field centre offers pupils the chance to study movement along the course of a stream.
- O and A-level students are taught to analyse a non-western city (such as Delhi) as a pattern of rings, sectors and "patches".

Admissions to geography teacher courses (postgraduate) in England and Wales

	1980/81	1981/82	1982/83	1983/84
University	382	351	313	318(?)
Non-univ college	212	217	134	65(?)
Total	594	568	447	378

Roger Lee makes a convincing salesperson, emphasizing that the discipline is in no sense "masculine". Lots of women study geography; there is nothing even in its quantitative aspects to put them off. "It combines literacy with 'graphicacy' (the ability to put down information in tables and maps)," he says. "Geographers have to be able to present information. They understand scientific method. And now most courses have an element of computer training."

Traditionally, according to a Geographical Association pamphlet, geography in schools was preoccupied by location, comparing and contrasting places and regions and countries. Now there are satellite photographs and a variety of statistical information which require older pupils to use new information technology.

Geography, says one of its leading lights, Professor Bryan Robson, of Manchester University, has a strict neutrality of approach - and he is right in so far as geography unlike politics or religion or sociology or economics, is rarely taught by teachers with any sort of bias.

For all that geography can, on occasions, seem a bit wet. The Geographical Association's literature is full of such phrases as understanding how man misuses his environment, "fostering better understanding of different cultures", preparing students for life in a multi-cultural society.

Some weeks ago Education Secretary Sir Keith Joseph gave the profession an accolade by appearing at the Geographical Association's annual meeting and making a critical speech warning of all kind of political dangers.

In trying to understand cities, people and agriculture in the Third World, Sir Keith warned that geographers might be tempted to

assume problems could be solved by governments, and ignore the initiative and endeavour of individuals. Equally they might convince pupils that the shape of the land or the structure of cities was somehow a controlling influence, when both could be changed by individual and collective efforts.

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Sir Keith's remarks went down well for they fitted in with the attempt by geographers to make their subject more "relevant".

Surprisingly, none of the teachers at the conference raised an obvious question. If geography should take on board more economics, what did that imply for the large number of accountants, company executives and industrialists (two thirds of female geography graduates go into industry and commerce) now managing firms and factories with their heads full of maps, mesas and the dimensions of Madagascar?

Transhumance: Seasonal moving of livestock

Building for the future

Architecture is refreshingly alive and well and positively thriving. An impressive variety of designs turned up among the 952 entries received from 190 schools of architecture in 36 countries for the Royal Institute of British Architects' annual student design competition.

Devised by James Stirling - with art collector Lord McAlpine and Tate director Alan Boss as co-judges - the competition required the world's premier architectural students, to design a Concord Gallery to display the works of Hockney and Caro.

The honour, and £1,500 in prize money went to Kay Ngee Tan, who trained at the University of Singapore and the Architectural Association in London, and is now with Arup Associates, one of Britain's leading practices.

Tan, 28, an enthusiast of both the representational work of Hockney and the more abstract offerings of Caro, produced an intriguing winning design described by the assessors as "an angular, translucent, bifurcated building like two marine crustaceans in ecstatic hermaphroditic embrace".

Tan herself quoted the title of an early Hockney on his drawings - "We two (boys) clinging together". His design is of two interlocking buildings which would display the work of each artist in a shared space - angular, inter-connected and dynamic.

Most of Tan's Easter holidays was spent on the project as well as many late nights and early mornings - evidence of which is a lift shaft in his scheme which inescapably appears and disappears from one level to the next!

At Arup Tan is designing a new church for Milton Keynes and working on the redevelopment plans for the Imperial War Museum. What is clear in his approach to the Concord Gallery, Arup before he qualifies as a fully-fledged architect next year, is that he enjoys the process of building buildings, not just their abstract and tentative representation on paper.

At the Singapore school of architecture he learnt, among other things, how to work with materials such as poured concrete. His drawings show that he has thought through how all the components are going to fit together on site.

There is no stylistic preoccupation evident in Tan's work. "I just do what I like," he says. His current heroes are Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci.

An exhibition of all the designs can be seen at the Royal Academy until next Sunday (10am to 6pm), and an encouraging aspect of the show is the number of entrants from Eastern-bloc countries - USSR (42, only two fewer than the US), Yugoslavia (24), Romania and Poland (11 apiece), Czechoslovakia (six) and China (five).

The meeting of minds between East and West promises a rich blend of interpretation and buildings in years ahead.

Charles Kneivitt
Architecture Correspondent

How radio brought insight to the outback



Tuned in: Aborigines listen to a tape of local news

Later this week the Home Secretary is expected to announce that up to 20 community radio stations will be given licences to broadcast. If the experiment is a success, it will be the model for sweeping extension of British radio which will greatly increase the diversity of stations on the air. The announcement will go some way to legalizing aspects of pirate radio, give ethnic and other minorities a broadcasting voice, and provide an outlet for communities of interest, such as stations which are devoted to jazz or classical music.

What will British listening be like after the community radio revolution? Some clues may be gathered from the airwaves in Australia where community stations now offer a daily diet of mind-boggling variety.

Community radio in Australia has its roots in the Vietnam War years, when draft registers from the universities and colleges maintained a running battle with authorities from transmitters nestled firmly on the back seats of their old VWs.

There are 20 Aboriginal radio groups in Australia, broadcasting in the tribal languages. Pitjantjatjara, Arrand and Walbiri, as well as in English.

Mr Brian White, president of the Federation of Australian Radio Broadcasters, told me that community radio was part of Australia's "far too confusing broadcasting situation" and his personal feeling was that they were a waste of broadcasting space. But Mr White who has in the past recorded a message of support for 3CR's fund-raising, said he could see where they benefit society.

"Australia is so placid that I sometimes think you would have to actually drop the bomb on it to get people out demonstrating in the streets. One explanation for this is that we have so many escape valves. Community radio does help

keep people satisfied. They can go out there, get on air, shout and scream and, though only three people are listening to them, go away satisfied. It's an escape valve, that's all."

Now bush Aborigines can go walkabout with a wireless to remind them of their traditional legends, songs and oral language. The stations also deliver much-appreciated American and Australian country music.

"Daddy used to call me *Dingo*, out there on the scrubland plain," the singer sings. And then it may be over to that somewhat plaintive message from the station announcer: "If you see any friends doing time at the Alice Springs jail, you can see them between nine and 10.30 in the morning. 1.15 to three in the afternoon."

Brian Courtis

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 692)

- ACROSS
- 1 Trim (6)
 - 4 Be servile (6)
 - 7 Sink (4)
 - 8 Keep up (8)
 - 9 Frozen waterfalls (8)
 - 13 Sab (3)
 - 16 Amazed (13)
 - 17 Dried grass (3)
 - 19 Adventure (8)
 - 24 Delicious (8)
 - 25 Listen to (4)
 - 26 Interfere (6)
 - 27 Egg yolk (6)
- DOWN
- 1 Filth (4)
 - 2 Engrace (9)
 - 3 Cuban (decade) (5)
 - 4 Whistle (5)
 - 5 Power unit (4)
 - 6 Willow (5)
 - 10 Toffee sweet (5)
 - 11 Short poem (5)
 - 12 Organization (5)
- 13 Quick glance (4,1,4)
- 20 Isolated ground (5)
- 14 Burden (4)
- 15 Engrave (4)
- 18 Keen (5)
- 21 Attempt (5)
- 22 LSD (4)
- 23 Pull (4)

SOLUTION TO No 691

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DOWN: 2 Moist 3 Net 4 Structures 5 Levy 6 Revolve 7 Affirmation 8 Transience 12 Rare 14 Seep 16 Palfrey 19 Arson 20 Hand 22 Bar

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Heather Kirby investigates how women are coping with recent reforms in the law

Divorce: for better or worse

The Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act, which became law last October, contained three controversial clauses...

Supporters of the Act assured women that they should not be frightened by it...

Will the woman who devotes her life to the role of wife and mother be relegated to the pages of social history...

A senior physiotherapist from a London hospital, who gave up her job six years ago...

I don't give you my name because I don't want anyone in the profession to know I have not worked for so long...

In the long term, according to a leading woman lawyer, what women want is a better education, not more maintenance...

to be berated by her Jewish employer for stooping so low. She cried with humiliation...

The majority of women want to work, but they are cynical about the hollow rhetoric...

A woman has no choice. Whether she is abandoned on the creek without a paddle...

Yvonne is a typical case of an older woman who has become a victim of the "clean break" clause...

She is to receive half the proceeds of their home, which is on the market, and he will then stop paying her £32-a-week maintenance...

Job security is not a subject on which any woman coping with children on her own wants to dwell...

That reminds me of the story my hairdresser told me about a Jewish friend who had never done anything except look beautiful and housework...



Lillian Simpson: better off than some

CASE HISTORIES

JUNE FIELD is 49, was married for 18 years and divorced nine years ago. She has a full-time job as a secretary to a local government architect...



June Field: struggling

June went back to court in November last year to seek an increase in her £20-a-week maintenance order...

He argued that by then "our daughter would be 22 and should be of an age when she was contributing to the running of the home"...

"I maintain that you don't really have the physical reserves to do a full-time job and run a home single-handed as you get older"...

"After the divorce I didn't want to have a full-time job because I didn't want my daughter to come back to an empty house"...

schemes, a non-means-tested single-parent allowance at least equal to the Widowed Mothers' Benefit of £35.80 per week...

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LILLIAN SIMPSON is a 42-year-old single parent, from Glasgow, who has two sons 19 and 18, one in the Army, the other in the Navy...

"I had a job to go to and my sister was going to divide her house into two flats, but they said if anything happened to me we should be living off the State"...

"In Glasgow you are housed in the most deprived areas if you are a single parent. When I tried for a job at first, there seemed to be a stigma attached to being a single parent"...

"When I had a bit of money, I bought a monthly transcard so I could hop on and off buses to go after jobs"...

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Further, only some 5 per cent of those aged 65 and over are in an institution of some kind.

Sahara sneeze From *Ada Hanson, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex*

From R. F. A. Shegog, *Symonds Yat West, Herefordshire*

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The fast food summer salad



Shona Crawford Poole

Thirty minutes is not a great deal of time to spend preparing the main meal of the day, but according to a British Nutrition Foundation survey...

Simple meals based on fresh ingredients are never more appealing than when they are flavoured with summer herbs. For the few short months that basil flourishes with abandon...

Peeling tomatoes takes only a few moments if they are first dipped into boiling water for a few seconds. Once skinned, they will keep in the fridge for a day or two...

Tomato and basil salad Serves four to six 680g (1½ lb) ripe tomatoes A handful of fresh basil leaves

For the dressing 6 tablespoons olive oil 1 to 2 tablespoons wine vinegar 1 teaspoon or more dry mustard Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Peel and core the tomatoes. Slice them thickly and arrange them on a serving plate. Mix together the oil, vinegar, mustard, pepper and salt. Shaking them together in a small jar is the quickest way to make a thick dressing...

Remove the top sheet of plastic and pepper the escalopes. Then lay on top the whole sage leaves and lastly a slice of Parma ham.

Heat a large sauté or frying pan. A good non-stick pan is even better. Add just enough oil to coat the surface and when it is hot add one or two escalopes, ham side down. Cook for a minute or two on one side then turn and cook them on the other. The escalopes are so thin that they really do cook quickly. Keep the cooked chicken warm in a very low oven while you fry the remainder.

Serve the chicken with new potatoes and a green vegetable, or with fresh tagliatelle.

Although nothing you can buy compares with a successful batch of home-made pasta, the fresh pasta which is so widely available now is generally an improvement on the dried, storecupboard kind. Fettuccine and tagliatelle are the simplest of all to turn into almost instant meals. Serve thin ribbon noodles with fresh sage as first or main course.

Tagliatelle with fresh sage Serves four to six 110g (4oz) butter 12 or more sage leaves 450g (1 lb) fresh tagliatelle Salt and freshly ground black pepper 110g (4oz) finely grated fresh Parmesan, the best you can find

Melt the butter in a heavy pan and add the sage. Cook together until the butter is golden brown, watching to make sure it does not darken too much. Keep warm.

Cook the pasta in plenty of boiling salted water, drain it well and tip it into a large warmed bowl. Pour the butter over the pasta through a strainer. Add plenty of spicy black pepper and half the cheese and toss the noodles quickly in the flavouredings. Serve immediately with the remainder of cheese to sprinkle on top of each plate.

Advertisement for 'The Alternative Medicine Exhibition' at The Kensington Exhibition Centre, featuring various health treatments and a 'one visit could change your whole life' slogan.

Advertisement for 'Foetal handicap' featuring a 'Talkback' section with letters to the editor and a 'TALKBACK' header.

Advertisement for 'Old figures' and 'Crisis of Old Age' with statistics on aging and social issues.

Advertisement for 'Sahara sneeze' and 'Old figures' with letters to the editor and statistical data.

Advertisement for 'REDUCTION TIME' at Fortnum & Mason, featuring a list of clothing items and their reduced prices.

Large advertisement for 'Reductions. Monday to Friday 9am-5.30pm, Saturday 9am-5pm.' at Fortnum & Mason, listing various goods and their prices.

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MIDDLE WAY = MUDDLE WAY

It is so easy to spend somebody else's money. When the Cabinet is tomorrow to review its public spending targets the temptation to do so will, sadly, be irresistible as it has been through the life of this Government. The Government is spending more and taxing more than its predecessor, having been out into office - twice - to do exactly the reverse. And still it does so.

political arguments that he can expect tomorrow, or perhaps merely out of exhaustion caused by waging this war almost alone among his big spending colleagues, comes along to suggest that "The Middle Way" is the best course to follow. No phrase could be more inappropriate or defeatist at such a time.

cause it gives them a feeling of power in the way they can respond to the competition for their favours from so many lobbies and vested interests. Almost every act of government has created a group of winners or losers in that communal share out of taxpayers' money. When governments feel a loss of popularity they attempt to assuage these demands on the basis of satisfying the maximum number with handouts while concealing the effects from those who have to pay for the transfer.

NUNCIO NUNC DIMITTIS

There was a good deal of murmuring when the Pope first appointed a permanent apostolic legate to Britain in 1938, and his misgivings were strongest at the Roman Catholic Church here. The choice of an Englishman, Archbishop (later Cardinal) Godfrey, was tactful, and English Catholics learnt to live with him. There was certainly some murmuring too, both outside and within that church when in 1982 by agreement with the British Government, the post was uprated to that of apostolic pro-nuncio. But the holder of the former rank who succeeded to the latter, Archbishop Bruno Heim, is himself tact personified. It being so very hard to object to him as an individual, objection to him as the Holy See's ambassador to the Court of James would have looked foolish.

months later, when for historical reasons both events could have been very troublesome. That they were not, was an achievement for which much of the credit lay with Archbishop Heim. And now he is leaving for retirement; tomorrow the hierarchy marks his departure with a solemn Mass in Westminster Cathedral.

emerged into the mainstream of national life. Its increasing confidence and competence was well displayed by its recent comment on the progress of Anglican-Roman Catholic negotiations, which Anglicans as well as Catholics hailed as most stimulating and positive contribution.

FIRST BRIDGE ACROSS THE USSURI

The ice-age in Chinese-Soviet relations may be drawing to a close, with the arrival yesterday in Moscow of Mr Yao Yilin, one of China's four deputy prime ministers and the highest-ranking Chinese visitor to the Soviet Union since the rift between the two communist superpowers twenty-five years ago. In theory, Mr Yao's visit to Moscow is no more than a diplomatic courtesy.

maintained cool. The Chinese have a number of unresolved quarrels with the Russians, and they are not allowing them to be forgotten. They disapprove of the Soviet presence in Afghanistan; they see the hand of the Kremlin behind Vietnam's invasion of Cambodia, and they take exception to the number of Soviet troops and hardware deployed on the Chinese border. For China, these are the "three big obstacles" to what both sides call "normalization".

between Moscow and Peking in the 1950s - an alliance in which the Chinese were very much the junior partners. Now, the Chinese are making it known that whatever normalization means, it does not mean a return to the relationship of the 1950s.

Unwanted burden of legal aid

From Ms Penny Cushing
Sir, I am a solicitor in a Hackney legal-aid firm. For several consecutive nights during the past week except when I took my phone off the hook, I have been getting telephone calls at home between the hours of 11.15 pm and 5.30 am from people arrested and detained at Stoke Newington Police Station. None of the callers were existing clients of my firm.

Uphill struggle in higher education

From Professor T. J. Biscoe
Sir, Undeterred by evidence, Sir Keith Joseph presides over the decline of our institutions for higher education. During the six years I have been at University College this department has lost 25 per cent of the academic staff posts, 16 per cent of the technical posts and one secretary. The UGC (University Grants Committee) funds for equipment and supplies are now less in nominal terms than six years ago in the face of inflation and increased sophistication of equipment. The capital funds for building are desisory.

Academic science

From Professor Sir Ewart Jones, FRS
Sir, While having some sympathy with the points made by Professor Williams in his letter (July 2) I was disappointed at its acceptance of our inability to do anything about Cern. The SERC (Science and Engineering Research Council) still spends about 30 per cent of its funds on "big" science involving only a small fraction (I doubt if it is as much as 2 per cent) of the scientific community of this country.

ON THIS DAY

JULY 10 1867
Ferdinand Maximilian (1832-67) was the brother of the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria. In 1862 Mexico was ruled by a government subservient to France. French troops occupied the country and it was at the insistence of Napoleon III that Maximilian was offered the crown of Mexico. Many of his measures alienated the people; he was ill equipped to rule and when the French withdrew he was betrayed and shot on June 19.

THE EXECUTION OF THE EMPEROR MAXIMILIAN

The following account of the last hours and execution of the Emperor Maximilian is taken from a Paris journal, the Figaro. "The Emperor was then informed that he had to appear before a council of war. He protested in writing, ... but Juanes, animated by his laudable sentiment, offered to spare the Emperor's life on condition that he took an oath never again to set foot on Mexican soil, and signed a declaration of his own abdication. "Spontaneously, and by word of mouth, Maximilian replied that he would accept both conditions with pleasure, provided the officers and soldiers captured with him were also amnestied. "The three prisoners were brought before this tribunal. Maximilian declined to avail himself of the sentence. Miramon was suffering from cholera and Miramon chose one to defend them jointly. "Maximilian simply requested that they might be left together until the last moment. Miramon was graciously acceded. They were transferred to the building, formerly a convent, which served as a hospital for the French troops, because the hall on the ground was too small and spacious, and had a pleasant prospect upon the garden of the interior court. "The only person allowed to enter was the Abbé Fischer, secretary and religious adviser of the Emperor. Some time before the Emperor was brought arrived, offering his sacred ministrations, which was accepted after a brief consultation between the prisoners. The night was passed in quiet conversation, and the condemned men confided in the Emperor's suffering greatly from the wound in his eye, which he constantly bathed with cold water. Mejia fell into a deep sleep. "Maximilian asked for paper and pens, which, in the night were found with him. He wrote two letters - one in German, addressed to his mother, the Archduchess Sophia; the other to his wife. He confided them to the bishop, begging him to have them forwarded. He added a lock of his hair, which the wife of the guards carried off for him. "After mass Maximilian appears to have remained for a long time kneeling on the hard stones - for there was no prie Dieu - with his head bent and his hands over his eyes. "Captain Grossman made a sign to Maximilian to move forward. The Emperor advanced courageously, saying to the two Generals - 'Vamos nos a libertar! (Let us go to freedom). "When the procession reached the summit of the hill Maximilian looked at the two Generals with a brave smile, then taking out his watch, he pressed a spring which concealed a portrait in miniature of the Empress Carlotta. He kissed it, and handing the chain to the Abbé Fischer, said 'Carry this away to my mother. It is my last wish, and if she be ever able to understand you, say that my eyes closed with the impression of her image which I shall carry with me above'. "The cortege had now reached the great exterior wall of the cemetery and the bells were slowly tolling for a funeral knell; only those composing the escort were present, for the crowd had been debarricaded from ascending the hill. "Three small benches, with the wooden crosses, were placed against the wall of the cemetery. Maximilian, each having two non-commissioned officers as a reserve for the coup de grace, approached within a few paces of the prisoners. "The Emperor was unable to conceal the emotions which agitated him; he allowed the bishop to embrace him; then raising his voice, he said 'Tell Lopez that I forgive him his treachery; tell all Mexico that I pardon its crime. "The bishop then presented the hand of the Abbé Fischer, who, unable to utter a word, sank at the feet of the Emperor, bathing with tears his hands, which he kissed. Many present wept. Maximilian gently exsiccated his hands, and then, with a step, said with a melancholy smile to the officer commanding the executing party 'A la disposition de usted'. "At that moment on a sign given by the non-commissioned officers were levelled against the Emperor's breast, he was murmured a few words in German, and the discharge enveloped the spectators in smoke. "The Emperor fell back upon the cross, which sustained his corpse; the body was immediately raised and placed in the coffin, as were those of the two Generals. All three were buried with delay in the cemetery, the bishop giving the absolution.

Relocation enquiries

From Mr Benjamin Tobin
Sir, The Leader of Lambeth Council who last night claimed that his rate policy was designed to protect jobs and services might be interested to spend a day in our industrial estate agency department, where he would receive a stream of enquiries from factory owners seeking to re-locate from high-rate boroughs to neighbouring low-rate boroughs in order to reduce overheads. He might then be in a position to explain how empty premises contributing no rate payment assist in the provision of services and employment. Rather than assisting services, he is proposing to starve his borough of income. Yours faithfully, BENJAMIN TOBIN, Strettons, Chartered Surveyors, 460-462 Hoe Street, E17, July 4.

Legal outlook

From Mr Trevor Berry
Sir, The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Bar (July 6) ask "What about the public interest?" and "Is an independent, specialist Bar of value?" As I understand the position, a litigant in person does not have the right to approach a member of the Bar directly. Why is it in the public interest that such a person is required to instruct a solicitor to obtain the expert opinion he may desire? Yours truly, TREVOR BERRY, 10 Hartley Close, Bromley, Kent, July 6.

Counting the won't-tells

From Mrs Julia M. Culshaw
Sir, Does the random-sample voter always give his true intent to the pollster? Might there not be tactical answering of poll questions, as there is tactical voting? The average Briton is a very cagey political animal. I can think of not a few people I know who would enjoy pulling the wool over the pollsters' eyes. Yours faithfully, JULIA M. CULSHAW, 59 High Street, Uppingham, Leicestershire.

Make mine music

From Mr Yehudi Menuhin
Sir, I read with great joy the article in The Times (July 3) on making music a part of our daily school life. What an excellent suggestion! We might even learn to distinguish between meaningless noise and meaningful music; even learn to listen to each other, not shout at each other, above all to listen to, and in, silence, the begetter of creation. Best of all would be the imposition of a chorale or Gregorian chant to be sung by the assembled members of Parliament between each session to create the proper atmosphere. At my music school I have always advocated beginning the scholastic day with singing, followed by some physical activity as dancing, Hatha Yoga, Tai Chi, or gymnastics to music. The excellent results of such an approach to general education have long since been proven in Hungary, where the general level of all studies has markedly risen since the adoption of the Kodaly method, where children start every morning with singing. Inspectors say that pupils under the age of seven should be taught songs, take part in improvisation, play by ear and be able to invent a melody. From age seven to 11 children should know many songs by heart, including folk, pop and hymns; be able to improvise and compose music; and play by ear. It is music indeed to my own ears. Such musical experience, bringing with it those subtle adjustments to pitch and rhythm and the acceptance of dissonance, might teach us an awareness of those whose aims would be to denote and thus to withdraw us from the state of interdependence that constitutes the whole fabric of society. It is my earnest prayer that this fundamental and intelligent report may herald the day when music, "the essential practical subject", becomes part of every child's curriculum. Yours faithfully, YEHUDI MENUHIN, 16 Muswell Hill Road, Highbury, N6.

CND and USSR

From Dr J. M. Lewis and Mr P. Mercer
Sir, According to your report (July 3) of Mr Bruce's Kent's unsuccessful complaint to the Press Council, after nearly 20 years in the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament he has "yet to meet someone who wanted this country to become 'part of the Soviet empire'". Whatever else the several thousand British Communist Party members may stand to be in the CND may want, therefore, they would appear - in Mr Kent's view - no longer to desire the revolutionary transformation of our political system along East European lines. Or don't they? CND council member and leading

MPs as consultants

From Sir Paul Bryan, MP for Bournemouth (Conservative)
Sir, An article by your Political Correspondent in your issue of July 4 draws attention to the growing practice of companies to employ MPs as consultants. It would be beneficial to both Parliament and industry if more MPs became active non-executive directors. Despite the pressure of modern parliamentary life it is perfectly possible for a senior backbencher to be an effective company director, as shown by Messrs. Prior, Rippon and Sir Edward du Cann, each of whom is chairman of a major company. The value of ministerial experience to industry and commerce is proved by the extent to which ex-ministers are in demand for top jobs after leaving the House of Commons, e.g. William Deedes, Edmund Dell, Sir John Nott and the Lords Aldington, Barber, Boardman, Carr, Errol, Robens, Thorncroft and Watkinson. Yours faithfully, PAUL BRYAN, House of Commons, July 5.

Serving the purpose

From Mr Bunny Austin
Sir, The shouting and the tumult dies; The champions and the crowds depart; Still stands the modern sacrifice. The victims of the game are left. If art it can be called. My long-time friend and former antagonist, Jean Borotra, is reported in your issue of yesterday's date (July 5) to have said: "The service in the men's game is too dominant. The worst service used to be the signal to start play, but now it means finish. It is not so much serve and volley as serve and kill. It is too monotonous. I agree. I suggest the server be allowed only one serve. The golfer is allowed only one shot from the tee; why should the server be allowed two? It would make the game definitely more interesting and even more exciting if every time the server prepared to serve he was faced with a decision - to go for an ace or to play safe. It would restore the balance of the game and, one hopes, produce a few more rallies. Yours faithfully, BUNNY AUSTIN, 5 Victoria Square, SW1, July 6.

Little-known phrases

From Mr and Mrs Paul Heiney
Sir, It is not only in foreign tongues that the forceful and striking phrase is to be found (Miles Kingston, July 2). British codes have their share, as well. We have been researching into ways in which the long traditions of the sea can sustain the modern world. One such phrase is "under way upon a fine book of Universal Yacht Signals," by George Holland Ackers, from the 1890s. Hoist 3761 signifies: "Can I have a quart of turtle soup?" 9852 requests the shore station for "Marmalade - orange unlespedificed", and 1704, followed by the hour, ensures that a vapour bath be prepared for the owner. But the phrase which for sheer comfortableness and utility beats the lot must be a hoist of flags 6419. Translated: "Can I strongly recommend my washerwoman." Yours sincerely, E. PURVES, PAUL HEINEY, Patle's Farm, Knodishill, Suffolk, July 8.

Handwritten Arabic text: "مكتبة من الأطل"

THE ARTS

Theatre 'Going native' in the old Raj

Bengal Lancer Lyric, Hammersmith

Last Friday the sultry heat of Hammersmith put the Lyric's lighting computer out of kilter...

the first decade of this century. Initially a bit of a silly ass ("One could sign a chit for practically anything") the young subaltern matured as a result of experiences beyond his comprehension...

Here is the story of an inquiring mind given almost too much raw material to grasp in one lifetime. We see him smoking hashish in Afghanistan, falling for a mercenary nautch girl, standing in awe at his first sight of the Himalayas...

Martin Cropper



Tim Pigott-Smith: quick changes with great aplomb

The Three Musketeers Greenwich

The genre of historical romance is presumably just beyond recovery. No one will ever take seriously again the posturing declarations of love and patriotism, the heroic deeds against all odds undertaken to save England, or France, or Ruritania...

another during the siege of La Rochelle. Story and characters are burlesqued; theatrical conventions are mocked when we are informed, by a grandly migrating Cardinal Richelieu, that eight of the parts are to be played by the "stage carpenter"...

Useless to look for subtlety of plotting, or firmness in plotting, or indeed any point to the production by Ian Giles. The fun show tries to be a jolly romp through a medley of half-familiar adventures, pantomime characterization and dreadful puns ("Rue Quasimodo" "That rings a bell")...

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Jeremy Kingston

Sheridan Morley meets the playwright Christopher Hampton, whose The Philanthropist is revived at Chichester tonight

Classicist in a romantic world

Remarkably few dramatists on the verge of their fortieth birthdays can look back on almost twenty years of major London productions, so perhaps the idea of Christopher Hampton coming up for revival already is not as unenvyingly premature as it might at first appear...

disappointment sets in. One or two people liked it, though: William Gaskill wanted to do it but couldn't get Alan Bates. Then three other Court directors tried to get their favourite actors for it and all failed. Lindsay Anderson told me it was frivolous. By then I was already beginning to feel that my days at the Court were over...

Howard who are his immediate contemporaries; rather were they the generation of Tom Stoppard and Peter Nichols and David Storey, an older group of staunch individualists lacking a cohesive political identity and all committed to a well-served theatricality often abandoned by those who came immediately afterwards...



Christopher Hampton: building plays to last

rudeness. Somebody who temporarily couldn't be rude to anyone; that's the Philanthropist.

took him a long time to establish his own discipline. "I had a very bleak time in the late 1970s. Robert Kidd, the director I had always worked with, died tragically young and after that I lost about three years writing screenplays for films that were never made. In that time I also began to think to do a lot of translations for the National and the RSC, and lately there have been rather more of those than anything else."

Indeed, as soon as The Philanthropist gets relaunched at Chichester with a view then to London in the autumn if all goes well, Hampton goes to Stratford where the RSC are starting to rehearse his translation of L'Amant de la femme. "For a long time I seemed only to be writing translations or films; after Treats failed in 1976 I really didn't know quite what to do in the theatre. I didn't seem to belong anywhere in particular. In form and style I suppose I am a classicist at a time when the theatre is very romantic in its politics. I have an unflinching fascination with the shape of a play, which is why they now take me years to write. I want to build them to last. I also find it very hard to write about the present except in the disguise of the past; I've recently been doing the television adaptation of Hotel du Lac, and now I'm doing one based on the story of an Englishwoman in Japan between the wars. But nothing is ever totally historic; Tales from Hollywood was about writers in exile now as well as then, at least if you look the trouble to see it that way."

Happily married with two young daughters, Hampton now makes most of his living from adaptations of one kind or another, though there is a new play on the typewriter and he feels understandably enough that his last one, Tales from Hollywood, was cut off in its prime at the National by scheduling problems which were not of his making. "I sometimes feel that both the RSC and the National are far too prodigal with their bits, and the life of a new play seems to be far too short there in repertoire, but where else can you go with a script that needs a large cast these days? All I really ask now is that my imagination should be engaged by a project. I did Hotel du Lac purely because I knew I would enjoy it. But I don't enjoy Hollywood very much; when I asked Twentieth Century Fox why they had changed the title on The Honorary Consul to Beyond the Limit, they said because in the first title only the first word would be understood by American filmgoers. Just another literary import that got lost somewhere along the way."

Television Sanity on sickness

Drug abuse, like terrorism, is a social evil which has been worsened by irresponsible treatment in the media. Kicking the Habit (ITV) was a documentary which made a good attempt at reparation, in that it added much useful and accurate information to the body of public knowledge about the ways in which heroin-users can stop, and achieved this in a rational style without any trace of hysterical moralizing.

Television's fault has mostly been to remain silent on the hot topic of heroin addiction while the popular press have shamelessly hyped up a "killer drug" mythology in order to boost their circulations where lotteries had flagged. Part of this mythology is the idea that heroin is almost always fatal and that addicts are without any reasonable hope of a cure.

The documentary quoted one survey of long-term addicts which estimated 20 per cent would die but 50 per cent would cease using heroin without any formal help. It also introduced, quite casually, a group of long-term addicts most of whom had been using heroin on and off for periods of 15 or 20 years.

The documentary visited two treatment centres and talked to a wide variety of people with heroin problems, all but one of whom were presented as drug-free and living with a useful degree of self-control some months after filming was completed.

The life-style of drug subculture was carefully divested of its nihilistic glamour, an element in one treatment programme was designed to defeat the addicts' "tendency to see themselves as tragic heroes" by encouraging them to fool around.

The approaches to coming off the drug were as different as the personalities and social backgrounds of the programme's subjects. A pretty, seductive girl withdrew with the help of a boyfriend, in a detached country cottage. In Chester, a parents' self-help group argued with teenagers on the street. This group monitored its successes by asking the young men to give urine samples for testing twice a week, an intrusion which the police rarely dare to make but one which evidently works.

A doctor, himself a former heroin addict, related the mental stages which he has observed to precede withdrawal to the stages which the bereaved go through in coming to terms with their grief - including denial of the problem, anger, depression and finally acceptance.

Celia Brayfield

Dance Onegin Coliseum

Natalia Makarova's eagerly-awaited Tatiana in London Festival Ballet's production of Onegin on Monday was something really tremendous. The ballet is on all this week, and well worth seeing with any of its casts, but she is dancing again tonight and on Friday; if you get the chance to beg, buy or steal a ticket, do not miss it.

In the first act she plays very, very quietly: there is a hint of something personal in the awkwardness with which she greets Lensky, a reminder that she is scarcely older than her little sister and a lot less confident, but after that she lets Onegin dominate her whether in the flesh or in her dreams.

It is at the Larina's party that Makarova really begins to make the role her own, with the special awareness she brings to Tatiana's confusion while dancing with Prince Gremin with all her thoughts on Onegin. Michael Pink's exceptional kindness and gentleness as Gremin heighten the pathos of her fluttering anxiety.

All this is building towards the climax of the third act - and she rightly makes her duet with Gremin one of those climaxes, dancing with a rapturous sense of happiness in her wedded state. The big, sweeping arcs of movement which she weaves her in her dream of love with Onegin are echoed here, but with more gentleness, more sweetness, more confiding trust.

Consequently, when Onegin tries to break back into her life again, her torment is agonizing. She now knows what she lost when he rejected her, she wants it more than ever, but realizes that she must refuse. Makarova makes every quiver of emotion tell; for instance, the hand that earlier trembled almost excessively in trying to comfort Lensky before his duel needs only the slightest tremor to bring back the image of what she is now controlling.

And the look on her face when left alone at the end is something terrible to see: a chillingly awesome moment until the fall of the curtain breaks the spell and releases a great roar of applause.

Makarova's absolute conviction in the character does wonders for Alexander Sombar's Onegin. He has always partnered exceptionally well in this role, and danced his solos with stylish grace; but Makarova makes one see him with Tatiana's eyes, imposing an illusion of glamour (as, indeed, Pushkin's poem implies). The effect rubbed off so that he maintained it even without Makarova's presence during the scene when he recalls his years of restless wandering.

John Percival

Concerts Controlled hysteria

Simon Limbrick Almeida Theatre

A percussionist is not like any other solo musician: he is a one-man orchestra, and also, as Simon Limbrick showed in his recital on Monday night, a one-man theatre. Simple but effective lighting picked him out in a variety of instrumentalities: amid gongs and Balinese bonang (they look like bronze saucers) for Claude Vivier's incantatory Cinq Chansons, leaning over a frame set with keyed instruments and drum-headed for Andrew Poppy's relentlessly repetitive Mrs. Ravenscroft and poised above tom-toms for a piece by David Owen that I would like to hear again without amplification.

These were all in the first half. The second was more outspokenly theatrical. Mr Limbrick came on pacing to "chorography" by Ian Spink for his own One Small Step, where the joke was that any but the smallest steps were greeted by bleeps and pings triggered by sensors over his boiler-suit: it is a wheeze that might be used magically within a larger ballet or opera.

Paul Griffiths

LSO/Rozhdestvensky Barbican/Radio 3

To demonstrate, presumably, that this concert opened a festival we were offered Shostakovich's Festival Overture. Since it was the City of London Festival, Vaughan Williams's 1 London Symphony was in the programme. And, perhaps because the concert was sponsored by a bank, a solid and safe chunk of Brahms was included. The Trustees Savings Bank's customers will be delighted to know that their money also purchased about 30 seconds of the Kneller Hall trumpeters, who delivered something very loud in B flat by Walton.

So it was almost the ultimate formula concert, but with one wild card: the presence of Gennadi Rozhdestvensky who, as is well known, is not a Londoner. He is however a man for the festive occasion, and his performance of the Vaughan Williams had just the right mixture of swagger, romance and mystery.

Eschewing the podium in favour of a comradely proximity to his front-desk players, the Russian seemed to revel in these atmospheric tone-pictures: busting the first movement's folk tunes along with tripping jauntness, and capturing the diaphanous excitement of the scherzo. More effective still was his handling of

Richard Morrison

Advertisement for the play 'A State of Affairs' by Graham Swannell, directed by Peter James, at the Duchess Theatre. The ad features the names of Gary Bond and Nichola McAuliffe, and includes a small illustration of a man and a woman in a dramatic pose. Text: 'GARY BOND NICHOLA McAULIFFE in A STATE OF AFFAIRS By GRAHAM SWANNELL Directed by PETER JAMES'.

Advertisement for the Royal Ballet Summer Season. It lists various performances including Swan Lake, Birthday Offering, Half the House, and Romeo & Juliet, along with ticket prices and contact information. Text: 'The Royal Ballet SUMMER SEASON JULY 15 - AUG 3'.

Advertisement for 'Dazzling' by Rodgers & Hart, featuring 'ON YOUR TOES' at the Palace Theatre. Text: '"DAZZLING" Sunday Times Rodgers & Hart's ON YOUR TOES Palace Theatre'.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Sterling soars above monetary confusion

The latest indicators present such contrasting pictures of what are tactfully called "monetary conditions" that they will test both the markets and the Chancellor of the Exchequer...

High noon for US budget

Fur is beginning to fly over the American Budget stalemate. Yesterday President Reagan told a lunchtime audience of regional newspaper editors that the budget process appeared to have broken down...

US and Britain back laws to end unitary taxation

Pressure for the abolition of unitary tax in the United States intensified yesterday when the Federal Government proposed legislation to provide states with detailed information on multinational companies...



Michael Grylls welcomes the US move

Mr Grylls said that the powers will be backdated to April 1, this year and that companies which are judged to have accelerated dividend payments may be subject to a fine worth twice their ACT relief...

Big demand for M&S cards

Marks and Spencer has now issued more than 800,000 of its charge cards and is receiving new applications at the rate of more than 20,000 a week.

done on the card and we believe it is increasing sales. Lord Rayner, the chairman said. He told shareholders that all departments were trading well and that ladies' and children's wear areas with which the company had had difficulties in the past were showing particular improvement.

both in and out of town centres. Several more satellite stores are planned for towns where the existing M&S is not big enough to take the entire range...

Suspension of Posgate confirmed

Lloyd's of London yesterday confirmed the sentence of suspension for six months on Mr Ian Posgate, the former "star" underwriter at the insurance market.

SE sets up electronic trade panel

The Stock Exchange has set up a practitioners' panel, with delegates drawn from many of the leading international securities houses in London, to oversee the move to electronic trading.

Tokyo may shift on import standards

In a further move to placate pressure for protection in the United States, Japan is proposing a plan to simplify the procedures for manufactured goods to pass to meet safety and other local standards.

In June, Japan's customs-cleared trade surplus increased to \$5 billion against \$3.4 billion in May, and \$4 billion in June 1984. The dollar value of exports fell but imports fell further, partly as a result of currency changes.

IN BRIEF 'Concern' at 600 Group

About 300 shareholders in the 600 Group, the machine tool and engineering company, have been circled with a letter expressing "serious concern" about the performance of the company's share price over the last 20 years.

Bids cleared

The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, as expected, has decided not to refer Burton Group's bid to acquire Debenhams and its proposed acquisition of Collier Holdings to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Stakis buys

Stakis has paid the Church Commissioners for England £3.58 million for the surrender of the existing lease and the grant of a new 175-year lease for the 244-room Stakis St Ermin's Hotel and adjoining commercial and office premises in central London.

Bank appointed

County Bank has been appointed by the Department of Transport to act as adviser on the proposed privatization of the British Airports Authority.

Tempus

We regret the absence of the Tempus column. It will be resumed tomorrow.

THE TIMES Portfolio DIVIDEND £2,000

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IN BRIEF New chief executive for BHS

Mr Denis Cassidy, at present managing director of British Home Stores, is to take over the job of chief executive from Sir Maurice Hodgson...

IMF warning

M Jacques de Larosiere, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, warned the Third World that substantial repayments due over the next few years would be expected.

W German gain

West Germany's balance of payments surplus widened to 2,562 billion marks in May from a surplus of 2,029 billion marks in April.

Dashwood breaks ground

Dashwood Finance, the modest City-based company chaired by Sirdar Aly Aziz, has signed a path-finding protocol agreement with the Chinese government to construct a number of agro-industrial projects in China.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns for Stock Markets, Main Price Changes, Currencies, and Interest Rates.

WALL ST WIRE US markets troubled by twin fears

The financial markets are under two influences. Bonds are still falling as a result of fear about excessive money growth and the recently introduced 8 per cent federal funds rate policy.

Summary of Results for the year ended 30th March 1985

Table showing financial results for 1985 and 1984, including Turnover, Profit before Tax, and Earnings per share.

RENOLD An international engineering group

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Stocks in the red

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Strong pound and US worries send share prices tumbling

By Pam Spooner

Stock markets took a hefty knock yesterday, sending the FT-SE 100 share and FT 30 share indexes close to previous 1985 lows.

Imperial Chemical Industries and Glaxo Holdings led the way down as analysts took fright at the strength of sterling and at growing concern about trade in the US.

A slow-down in the North American economy is now generally acknowledged, pointing to weaker earnings prospects. Industrial demand in the US is below expectations and prices also look like standing still.

The pound, meanwhile, jumped nearly 2.5 cents against the US dollar on the foreign exchange, leaving prospects for currency advantage in the second half of the year poor.

At ICI the analysts now believe total pretax profits in the latter half of the year will be £30 million or £40 million below previous estimates. The second quarter - the three months from October - is now expected to produce profits of £20 million rather than up to £30 million.

ICI shares fell 17p to 712p, and Glaxo dropped 25p to 1220p. Other leading shares were pushed lower by disappointing news supply and by continuing lack of investment support.

The £82.5 million vendor placing by MEPC also depressed sentiment; the market has had enough of cash calls.

Hanson Trust - whose rights issue went badly - saw its share price drift another 5p lower to 182p, against its rights issue price of 185p. The Hanson new preference stock also took a knock, and the underwriters of that issue - who had to take up about 92 per cent of the preference shares - are now

looking at a loss of £15 million on that transaction. But it was small fry compared to the total loss suffered by the market as a whole yesterday. According to Datastream, some £2,903 million was wiped from the value of shares in its 1,000 company index.

By the close the 30 share market was down 18.2 points at 932 and the 100 index was 18.6 points lower at 1239.6, within

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Gilt kept a firm front, though the money supply news - a 2 per cent rise in June - took a bit from prices. By the close Government stocks were around 1/2 higher.

Construction companies Star Computer rose 3p to 43p. The shares have slid from 63p in the last few weeks on fears that it will suffer from intensifying competition in the office automation business.

However, Mr David Blechner, the joint chairman, says the company's specialized activity of supplying computer systems to leading accountancy firms has not been affected. "We're doing very well".

Talk in the computer industry is that distributors of packaged software for microcomputers are suffering severely from reduced margins.

There are six main British distributors and already two are said to have gone out of business this year. This does not augur well for Kode International, which a year ago paid £2.9 million for Comart, a distributor of microcomputers and their software.

Mr Peter Boothby-Smith, the managing director, says Comart is feeling the effect of tough competition, and he agrees that earlier suggestions that the division would make £900,000 profits in the current year are optimistic. But he says the other important part of Kode, making printed circuit boards, is now back into profit.

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Aircraft sales help Intasun to £8.3m increase

By Clare Dobie

Intasun Leisure, the second biggest British holiday company, lifted profits sharply to £24.8 million before tax in the year to March 31. The increase reflects exceptional profits of £13.1 million, mostly from selling two Boeing 737s.

Trading profits were down by £4.3 million at £11.7 million. Turnover, however, was up from £191 million to £241 million. A further fall in trading profits is expected this year.

The company's chairman, Mr Harry Goodman, said Intasun had increased market share, but bookings were 5 per cent down last year. The industry's bookings were 20 per cent down.

Bookings have also been later than usual this year. Mr Goodman hopes the late rush could leave Intasun's bookings for the year slightly ahead.

He is more optimistic about 1986. Hotel charges in Spain and other holiday destinations are set to fall. Like other holiday companies, Intasun should benefit from the weakening of the Spanish peseta and Greek drachma against the pound.

With that in mind, Intasun expects holiday prices next year to fall, and hopes that will result in increased bookings. Profits should also benefit.

The company is, nevertheless, establishing a new profit centre, with its recently acquired hotel interests. In March it spent £7.5 million on the



Harry Goodman: bookings down 5 per cent

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In the short-term these investments will be financed from aircraft sales. Net borrowings are £40 million against shareholders' funds of £54 million. The gearing ratio is expected to be similar in a year. The final dividend has been increased to 2.5p, taking the total to 4.8 (4.4p).

United Leasing up by 43%

By Ian Griffiths

United Leasing, the computer leasing company, has increased pretax profits to £5.3 million for the year to March 31, an advance of 43 per cent on the £3.7 million reported last time.

The sharpest increase in profits came from Europe, where a profit of £906,000 was recorded well ahead of the £56,000 which the company made there a year ago. However, there were also increases in profits from Britain and the United States, which are the company's most important markets.

The company has aroused some controversy in the past because of its accounting practice of taking as profit some element of the estimated residual sales value of the computers it leases, even though that profit has not yet been realized.

In the year to March 31, United Leasing reported profits of £6.4 million from that source. This is up on the £5.4 million last time, but as a percentage of gross profits has fallen from 57 to 38 per cent.

Sales also showed a substantial improvement, rising from £104.6 million to £176.3 million. The biggest source of turnover remains the supply and leasing of IBM computers, which amounted to a record £109.1 million.

With IBM preparing to make deliveries of its new range of computers towards the end of the year the company is expecting a lift in its performance in the second half of this year.

Mr Parry Mitchell, United Leasing's chairman, said: "Our results will be even more heavily weighted to the second half than in previous years." Although he would not make a prediction about present year's profits he was enthusiastic about the prospects.

Interim profits nearly double at Associated Newspapers

By Christopher Dunn

Associated Newspapers, which owns the Daily Mail, The Mail on Sunday and a string of provincial papers, as well as North Sea oil investments, yesterday announced almost doubled interim profits, at £16.4 million, after introducing changes in its accounting techniques.

The shares, which have been a strong market recently, rose 10p briefly to 920p, before easing back to the opening price of 910p. Early in January, the price was around 650p.

Group trading profits rose from £6.5 million to just under £10 million in the six months to March 31, and the Associated Newspapers board attributed part of the improvement to a better performance from the Daily Mail and The Mail on Sunday, previously thought to be loss-making.

Lord Rothermere, chairman of Associated Newspapers, calculated yesterday that the improvements in profits of both newspapers should be maintained in the second half.

He added that profits from the group's chain of provincial newspapers were in line with comparable results last year for the first six months. But he gave a warning that provincial newspaper profits in the full year would be adversely affected by industrial action by printworkers.



Lord Rothermere: warning over industrial action

Traditionally the bulk of Associated's newspaper profits come from its provincial chain, which is the third largest in the country, with a combined circulation of more than a million.

Among the group's magazine interests, Eurooney, which is 40 per cent owned by Associated, produced improved results and expanded its coverage of banking services. Profits from the United States magazine publishing concern, the 13-30 Group, also showed a marked increase.

But the associated board reported some slightly discouraging news about its North Sea interests. Profits from Blackfriars Oil, which obtains the bulk of its income from a 12 1/2 per cent stake in the Kings/Duncan fields within block 30/24, fell slightly after a lower contribution from the Argyl field.

But the news from the Esmond field was encouraging. The Esmond development is designed to recover at least 500 billion cubic feet of gas from the Esmond, the Forbes, and the Gordon gas fields, starting in 1985.

Lord Rothermere reported that the first feet of gas were successfully extracted from the Esmond field on June 1. Since then full production tests have been successful.

Accounting changes introduced during the first six months include a move to charge goodwill against reserves, rather than writing it off against profits. The effect of the change is to increase prior year trading profits by £300,000.

Interim turnover for the group was £205 million, compared with last year's £174 million, while pretax profits were boosted by profits on the sale of properties of £1.7 million. The interim dividend payable 3.5p, against 4.5p last time.

GORING KERR: Six months to March 31. Interim 3.5p (2.75p). Figures in £000. Turnover 3791 (3,389). Trading profit 1214 (951). Pretax profit 1,250 (943) including net interest receivable 36 (18 p). Tax 586 (460). Minorities 4 (nil). EPS 11p (8.05p). The group has developed a foreign body detector which will find not only metal but a wide range of non metallic contaminants. This will have a substantial influence on the further growth of the company and will contribute to results towards the end of the current year.

Morgan Grenfell: Mr Alistair Buchanan is to join in November as managing director of Morgan Grenfell Government Securities. GNI: Mr Anthony Norton is now a director. ICV Information Systems: Miss Claire Stevens has joined the board of directors. Mr Ronald G. Seget, executive vice-president and chief operating officer of Calvers Publishing, Boston, US, has been made a director.

Wincanton Group: Mr John Worby takes over as finance director. He replaces Mr Malcolm McLeod, who has been made development director. Mr Clive Waldron has been made commercial director. Mr Gerald Burke is to become finance director of Wincanton Vehicle Rentals, with effect from August 1.

Schoder Capital Management: Messrs R R Foulkes, C Kaefler, K M Niven and A O Way have become senior vice-presidents. Fondedile Foundations: Mr I D McKenzie is now managing director. Messrs P G Scott and P J Grundford Dott have been made directors. Mr S Newburgh will remain as a director. Barclays Merchant Bank: Mr

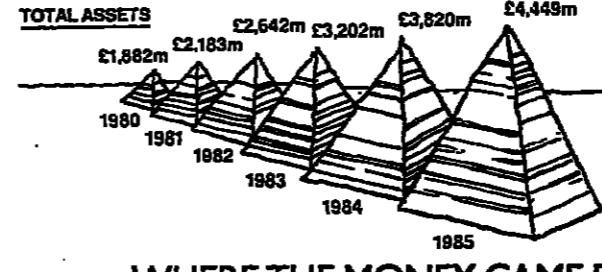
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ASSETS UP During 1984/5 Anglia's total assets grew by over 16 per cent to £4,449 million, making us one of the top performing societies in the movement.



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WHERE THE MONEY WENT Lending during the year reached a record level of £969 million over 45,000 new home loans and further advances. More than half of our new home loans went to first time buyers. As part of our commitment to providing sheltered housing, the Anglia Housing Association was formed to facilitate direct financing of projects for the elderly and handicapped and other socially desirable schemes.

FOCUS ON THE CITY A further £121 million was raised from the London money markets in 1984/5, mainly by the regular issue of Certificates of Deposit (Anglia was one of the first societies to introduce these) and by the acceptance of Time Deposits.

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WORLD TRADE

Fears grow of new economic cold war

American resentment at the high Japanese content in record trade deficits has reached such a pitch that some observers in the United States and Asia expect a new cold war over trade between the free world's two economic superpowers. BAILEY MORRIS reports from Washington.

Dr Mahathir Mohammad, the outspoken Prime Minister of Malaysia, is not a man to mince words when assessing relations between the United States and Japan, the world's economic superpowers. What he sees in his crystal ball is the rise of an economic cold war which will dominate the rest of this decade and possibly the next, profoundly altering the traditional post-war balance of power. This is the Mahathir prognosis.

If the present opening salvos are not checked, he forces two possible results, neither of them acceptable. Either the US, frightened by excessive Japanese import penetration, will take protectionist steps to freeze the world that when two elephants fight, it is the grass that gets trampled. There is a further twist, not only does the grass get trampled when elephants fight, it gets squashed when the elephants sit down to make love. Dr Mahathir said.

He is among the growing number of officials who believe that the trade situation could get very ugly very quickly if the escalation of rhetoric between the two nations is allowed to continue. This is particularly true given the persistent weakness in the US manufacturing sector. Every month, the US trade figures tell the same story, another record deficit with Japan.

It is a recurring nightmare which has unleashed something dark and uncertain in the American psyche. There is talk of retaliation on a scale not imagined since the 1930s. The US trade deficit with Japan is expected to reach \$50 billion

(£37.4 billion) this year, by far the largest component of a huge overall deficit, projected at up to \$150 billion.

In Japan, despite encouraging market-opening initiatives by Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Prime Minister, a bureaucratic backlash is already developing. There is public resentment over US demands that Japan spend more on defence. Officials are outspoken in their anger at being called "unfair" by US congressional officials.

As a result, resistance is growing in Tokyo at a time when US demands for market-opening measures are increasing. Japanese foreign ministry officials fear a "showdown" is in the offing by the autumn.

"We face a very critical situation in the fall when Congress comes back to Washington," Mr Reishi Teshima, deputy foreign affairs minister, said. This is due largely to anti-Japanese feeling in America which is at its highest since the record US deficit of the high dollar and heed reports of sluggish out-dated American companies which are no longer competitive. But the "unfairness" they see in Japan's closed markets is moving them to strike back.

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Men in the middle: (from left) Prime Minister Nakasone, Senator Danforth and Dr Mahathir

later this year or early next year of the 1986 mid-term elections. Even sophisticated senators such as Mr John Danforth, a Republican free-trader from Missouri and Mr Lloyd Bentsen, a Democrat from Texas, are calling for retaliation. These are men who understand that there are many facets to the record US deficit. They cite the crippling effects of the high dollar and heed reports of sluggish out-dated American companies which are no longer competitive. But the "unfairness" they see in Japan's closed markets is moving them to strike back.

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The object of this concern is not only the big deficit with Japan, which totalled \$34 billion last year, but also the growing Japanese presence in America - more than \$2 billion invested in steel, car, computer

and other plants stretching from New York to California. Japanese banks operate freely in American cities.

The causes of the hostility run deeper. The growing trade imbalance with Japan is forcing Americans to take a hard look at themselves. Increasingly, they are being told to follow the Japanese model: work harder, consume less, save more and, above all, be adaptable to new technology. Americans are no longer certain they are number one. This is especially true in industrial communities where unemployment remains high and slowing growth raises the spectre of another recession.

"Are we slipping into decline?" is a question posed often by economists and academics. The debate has led to a new awareness of the importance of trade to an economy which has never been forced to look offshore for growth potential. Increasingly, there is pressure on President Reagan to give trade policy a higher priority.

A by-product of the debate is the rise of the "fairness doctrine" in the West's talks with Japan. It is based on the widely held Western conviction that Japan's trade practices are inherently unfair and that past Japanese promises to correct

them have not been kept. "quid pro quo" is the new battle cry on Capitol Hill. Before the US Senate is a bill introduced by Senator John Heinz, a Republican from Pennsylvania, which would impose a three-year 20 per cent surcharge on all imports from Japan. It is considered the most protectionist measure of the flood which has been imposed.

Senator Danforth believes the US already has sufficient powers under the 1984 Trade Act to retaliate against Japan. Mindful of the restrictive tariffs of the 1930s, he wants to avoid an across-the-board approach by Congress of the sort which resulted in the infamous Hoot-Smalley Act which prolonged the depression.

Instead, he advocated a system of annual accounting or finger-pointing in which the US tools up Japan's unfair practices at the end of each year and respond in kind. He is building support for this kind of "measure response."

Meanwhile, the Reagan Administration continues to send teams of officials to Tokyo to negotiate market-opening measures. Much hinges politically on the results of these talks which have not yet delivered

the business potential the Administrations has promised. The snail-like pace of the negotiations has increased congressional frustrations. Many US officials now believe the only way to avoid a bitter confrontation is for Japan to announce strong internal measures to correct the trade imbalance.

Considering the stalemate over US fiscal policy, it is up to Japan to either tax its exports to slow penetration of overseas markets or establish specific import quotas in industries to be met by US and other foreign suppliers. This is the US remedy for preventing an economic cold war.

Such an approach at least recognizes that the causes of the bilateral trade imbalance lie deeper than supposed formal or informal Japanese protection. But even if Mr Nakasone's Government had the will to tax exports or artificially boost imports, it is doubtful whether this would be acceptable to ordinary Japanese voters. A survey following Mr Nakasone's television lecture showed that most people in Japan resented being told to go out and buy foreign goods, as people would in most industrial countries.

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APPOINTMENTS

Charles Barker Brantley, Walton & Company; Mr Bill Brantley has been appointed chairman and Mr Clyde Walton, president. Mr Michael Pridem, Mr John Page and Mr Alan Ogden have joined the board. Molins; Dr Michael Wright will become a director on August 1. He has also been appointed managing director of Molins Tobacco Machinery. Equatorial Trust Corporation; Mr R. C. Shah has joined the board as chairman and managing director. British Woodworking Federation; Mr Sol Margolis has become a director. He succeeds Mr Douglas Hall who has retired. Business in the Community; Mr Charles Green, director and general manager of National Westminster Bank, has become deputy chairman of the board of Business in the Community and chairman of the BIC executive committee. Mr Tony Cleaver, general manager of IBM, has joined the BIC board and Mr Michael Barry, director of corporate affairs of the Confederation of British Industry, has been appointed to the BIC executive committee. Tilbury Plant; Mr R. J. Drinkwater has succeeded Mr Keith Tate as managing director. Mr Tate has retired. Euro Electronics; Mr David Hay is now managing director. Williams Lea Group; The Rev W. A. Peasay has been appointed group development director. General Consolidated Investment Trust; Mr Nicholas McAndrew, a managing director of N. M. Rothschild & Sons, has joined the board. Mr Bryan R. Basset has resigned. United Glass Holdings; Mr David Margand, managing director of the United closures and plastics division, and Mr Herbert Nettleship, managing director of Robson's distribution services division, have joined the board. Richards, Longstaff (Insurance); Mr John Dashwood has been appointed a director and also a director of the UK division. Charles Barker Group; Mr Paddy Murray has been appointed group managing director.

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CRICKET: LATE CHANGE FOR ENGLAND BEFORE START OF THIRD TEST MATCH TOMORROW

Sidebottom in as back injury rules out Foster

The selectors have asked Arnie Sidebottom to go to Trent Bridge today, Neil Foster having had to pull out of the England team for the third Test, sponsored by Cornhill, starting tomorrow. Foster has a back strain which prevented him from bowling for Essex against the Australians at Chelmsford yesterday.



Sidebottom (left) in Test 12 and Foster out injured

Hobbling Greenidge is Hampshire hero

LIVERPOOL: Hampshire (22 pts) beat Lancashire (15) by four wickets. After their disastrous final hour on Monday, Lancashire were unable to avoid defeat yesterday, their third in four matches. They did, however, retrieve the situation enough to force Hampshire to turn to the hobbling Greenidge for sustenance as they moved decisively to their target of 186.

Makinson avoided the hat-trick comfortably and after Maynard had hit Maru for two sixes and fallen on the boundary in pursuit of a third, he and Allott proved enough of an obstacle to strangle Marshall to over competitive lengths. The bowler was warned for consecutive bouncers at Makinson.

Allott fell to Maru before Lancashire could get beyond Hampshire's reach, but the bouncer had apparently fired his own last bowler's temper. Initially, the difference between Marshall's pace and the England player's was evident as Terry, at the start of a series of short balls for four, but after Makinson had struck the first blow by bowling Chris Smith, Allott angrily worked up a fine head of steam.

Terry succumbed to the accompanying rain and a triumphant gesture and Robin Smith followed as, after consecutive bouncers, an intended yorker hit his off stump on the full. At 42 for three, 186 looked a long way off.

There could have been a worse Fairbrother just failing to hang on to an overhead smash by Hardy which Becker would have dismissed when on one. Reprised, the tall, elegant left-handed batsman helped to put Hampshire back on course.

This was, we may fairly say, a generous declaration, relying on a deterioration of the pitch (which everyone had been prophesying for several days) and the superior skill of the Somerset spinners. Marks and Booth were both soon on. Marks bowled better than in his first innings, looking as if his legs, and especially his head had re-established connection. At tea, Leicestershire were 74 for two, with 43 overs to go. Victory was, however, slowly vanishing as though a Belvoir pack had lost the seed in Taunton Vale. Willey and Balderson made a solid stand. Marks got Balderson at 80.

Willey reached 50, but Whitaker, had bettered very sensibly, was caught at mid-on in an interesting-looking over when the total was 127. Willey, who had played strictly, though I could not imagine why his square stance did not succumb to the Mark's varieties, was caught at the wicket, off Booth, and ran out. Marks and Cliff caught, but ran out. Marks. By now, Leicestershire's hopes of victory had gone, but they clung on, courageously, for the draw.

Table with columns: P, W, L, D, Bat, Bowl, Pts. Rows for various counties and their performance in the Championship table.

Ninth pair deny Australians victory

CHELMSFORD: Essex drew with the Australians. Throughout a tense final day, which was a fine advertisement for the four-day game, the advantage ebbed and flowed from one side to the other. In the end David East and Neil Foster, the Essex ninth wicket pair, showed the necessary tenacity to survive the last 17 overs and deprive the Australians of victory.

Essex had a real chance of winning themselves earlier when Gooch took four wickets to bring the Australian second innings to an unexpectedly rapid conclusion. It left the champion county a target of 204 in a minimum of 60 overs. They made a confident start before Gilbert took four quick wickets. At 66 for five the Australians were back in control.

Some hard blows from Phillip threatened to tilt the scales again before Thomson, bowling more effectively than in the first innings, had him caught at cover. Foster when two should have been caught at cover off Matthews. Later he survived an appeal for a catch to silly point off Bennett and he was almost caught in the same place in the last over.

Foster felt his strained back once or twice as he batted but showed no discomfort from the injury which carried him through the match. He stiffened up after bowling on Monday but stressed that the injury had nothing to do with his original back problems which were held by Phillips as he batted for Essex against Gloucestershire at Southend on Saturday.

Gooch would probably not have bowled if Foster had been available to take the last wicket. By five of the figures of four for 23 in 9.3 overs as he ran through the Australian tail. Thomson drove with calm assurance as he and Phillips put on 80 for the last wicket. By five of the figures of four for 23 in 9.3 overs these runs proved particularly relevant.

Thomson had already had Gooch missed at short mid-wicket before the batsman was brilliantly caught by Boon off Gilbert. After lunch Gilbert took three for seven in 21 balls. Pritchard was held by Phillips as he tumbled in front of first slip; McEwan played across the line; and Pringle could do nothing against a ball which lifted sharply.

Cooper approached the wicket with a deceptively casual run but generated unexpected speed. He was a late addition to the Australian team after three other players signed as South African "rebels". Cooper, who Gilbert would not have spent this summer playing with the Essex second team under the Essex scholarship scheme.

In between Gilbert's successes, Essex had lost Gladwin. He missed a sweep against Matthews and a similar stroke by him against Thomson. He was splendidly caught at short final leg by Phillip. Hardie then lay doggo while Phillip punished the spinner. Essex needed 85 in the final hour but Hartley bowled by Thomson's slower ball in the first of the mandatory 20 overs.

Phillip was out two overs later and Foster and East began their closing defiance. Essex finished 35 runs short of their target.

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Wright way to build an arc of triumph

Worcestershire (22 pts) beat Derbyshire (15) by three wickets. Derbyshire achieved their second win of the season although in the end they had rather more bother than seemed likely after a dedicated second-wicket partnership of 193 between Wright (17) and Anderson (94). Worcestershire asked them to score 335, the highest total of the match, of 86 overs, and though they reached 344 for one, four wickets by the left-arm spinner, Illingworth, and two in successive balls by Kapil Dev, meant that they squeezed home with only 1.3 overs and three wickets to spare.

Barnett and Anderson had given Derbyshire an good start with 50 up in the twelfth over, slightly ahead of the asking rate, before Barnett drove a wadish ball and was caught low down in the gully. Anderson, meanwhile, had played himself in with the composed air of a man recently awarded his county cap and the New Zealanders Wright after a tentative start - unsurprising because of his restricted appearances - began to drive handsomely in an arc between wide mid-off and wide mid-on.

Once Anderson and Wright had come to terms with the low bounce of the pitch, their alliance prospered right through the afternoon, although Wright, when 63, was topped by Kapil at slip off Redford. However, he stayed together until the first over of the final hour when Neale, a century-maker in the morning, entrusted the bowling to his spinners and ultimately to Kapil.

Anderson, who had scored most productively on the off-side, tried to turn Illingworth to leg and six runs short of his 100, was splendidly caught off his glove by Rhodes. Illingworth, at that stage reached 91 runs.

Wright had by now reached his first hundred of the summer in 200 minutes and was in full flow but he drove a return catch to Illingworth, who in his next over bowled Sharma to give Worcestershire a glimmer of hope.

Illingworth failed to last the final 20 overs, the latter's victory being by the margin of 141 runs. Collecting maximum points, they were at the top of the table when the dust had settled last night.

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Slaney wants dope test for first four in Olympic rematch

Mary Slaney is stipulating dope testing for the first four across the line in her "Olympic rematch" over 1,000 metres against Zola Budd and Marcica Puica in the Peugeot Talbot meeting at Crystal Palace on July 20.

This looks suspiciously like a "get out" clause for Mrs Slaney who, after London agent revealed here yesterday, is dissatisfied by the cloak and dagger manoeuvring which has so far seen the race switched from the original Friday night to Saturday in order to accommodate American television, and by the fact that the first four plus a random number are tested in all Olympic events.

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But Jon Wigley, the marketing officer for the IAAF in whose Mobil grand prix the event takes place, confirmed yesterday that "the testing will be as normal, that is completely random. The IAAF representative will choose between 20 and 24 people to be tested over the 15 grand prix events in the meeting over two days. It may be that he will ask for four to be tested in this particular race, but I don't think any athlete could demand it."

Yuri Sedikh, of the Soviet Union, was over four metres down last night on the world hammer record of 86.34 metres that he set in the same Cork City sports last year. But the presence of Sedikh in the common opener to an athletics programme ensured the uncommon feature of all 1,200-plus of the crowd being in place well before the start of the meeting.

Like last year, when he and his compatriot, Sergei Litvinov, broke his former world record six times last night on the world hammer, Sedikh's first throw was his longest, 82.14 metres. But four of his subsequent throws were over 80 metres. Declan Hegarty, the Irish record holder, who is best remembered for trying to demolish the hammer, came at the competition. The Olympics was second with 76.25 metres, with David Smith, of Hull third on 73.95 metres.

Marcica Puica, the Romanian Olympic 3,000 metres champion, here in the women's 1,500 metres, in lane nine, where the competitive highlight seems likely to come in the steeplechase, where the Olympic silver medal winner and European record holder, Joseph Mahmoud, of France, has announced his intention of attempting to break Henry Rono's world record of 8min 5.4sec, set in 1978.

Mahmoud was only two seconds outside Rono's record in Koblenz last year, and there is very good competition from the fast finishing Henry Markov, of the United States, and his compatriot, the Olympic bronze medal winner, Brian Diemer.

Beverly Kinch, the World Student Games 100 metres champion, has her first major race at that distance, which is a significant one for the Olympics. Farima Whitbread also competes after her defeat by Petra Felke, of East Germany, the world record holder, at Birmingham last weekend. The French pole vaulters are also competing, and there is an interesting 10,000 metres featuring the Swiss Olympic 5,000 metres silver medal winner, Markus Ryffel, and the top marathon runner, Albert de Castella and Toshiko Seka.

Coe: failed to recover in time. Sebastian Coe has withdrawn from the AAA championships at Crystal Palace this weekend because he has not completely recovered from the virus infection which caused him to miss what he had hoped would be a personal best 3,000 metres in Haringey last Wednesday.

Coe had originally programmed his training around the AAA 800 metres, which has since been announced that Joachim Cruz was competing. It was the young Brazilian who beat Coe to the Olympic 800 metres title last summer, and subsequently got within 0.04 sec of Coe's own 41.73sec world record in Cologne.

But Cruz revealed last week that he had never intended to compete in the AAA, as he switched to the 1,500 metres. Now the Englishman is out altogether. Steve Cram, in the 800 metres is the principal British attraction in the meeting.

Meanwhile, Cruz opens his European tour in Lusanne with an 800 metres this evening. He is over the hamstring problems which have stopped him racing since the June 1 meeting in Eugene, and he said yesterday: "I would like to break Coe's world record this year, and a fast time in this race will be a build-up towards it, although, I am also hoping for some fast 1,500 metre times."

Middlesex retain leadership

It took Worcestershire only three hours to regain the leadership of the County Championship yesterday but it was theirs for only a few hours. Northamptonshire's resistance against a Middlesex-led team to the final 20 overs, the latter's victory being by the margin of 141 runs. Collecting maximum points, they were at the top of the table when the dust had settled last night.

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Nottinghamshire bring in 20-year-old opener Mike Newell for his win championship match of the summer as a replacement for the England player Tim Robinson against Middlesex at Lord's today. Notts are otherwise unchanged and have named a party of 12 who will be seeking revenge for Middlesex's 10-wicket win at Trent Bridge.

Leicester's medium pace bowler Gordon Parsons has not recovered from a twisted ankle received in their Sunday League match at Somerset, and will miss Leicestershire's match against Glamorgan at Swanssea today. With Gower and Agnew away on Test duty, Cobb and Ferris are both recalled.

Morgan is clear and away

John Morgan and Gillian Greenwood, both European junior champions, were pitted against each other by the draw at yesterday's Morgan show-jumping class at the Great Yorkshire Show at Harrogate. Morgan, a young Scottish rider, was the European junior champion two years ago, and yesterday, going seventh on his own horse, Dun Toppet, he gave a brilliant start round in the jump-off for the Midland Bank Great Yorkshire championship.

His time of 41.72sec put him in the lead with an excellent round, the reigning European junior champion, to go on Sky Fly. It is promised to be an exciting climax, but early in the round Sky Fly clipped a fence, to the accompaniment of sighs of disappointment from the big Harrogate crowd.

When Sky Fly also disturbed the last fence, Miss Greenwood's tally of eight faults and her time of 42.09 sec left her in eighth place. The pace for the jump-off was set by Jean Germany on Whisper Grey with a splendid clear round in 42.80 sec. This demanding target instantly put the pressure on the other riders and an immediate victim was the vastly experienced international partnership of Ryan's Son and John Whitaker, who beat the time but recorded eight faults. Ryan's Son failed to negotiate a very sharp turn at the big gate, then had more faults, splashing at the water jump.

Stephen Smith did a very fast time of 40 seconds on Fairway, but had eight faults.

The All Blacks intend to tour despite opposition from their Government and from Anti-apartheid groups in South Africa. The outlawed African National Congress (ANC), which has recently pledged to step up its armed campaign against South Africa's white minority, has said it cannot guarantee the safety of the New Zealanders.

The United Democratic Front (UDF) and the Black Consciousness Movement's Organisation (AZAPO) have promised action, though the Johannesburg Star says they are having second thoughts about the scale of protest. Police chiefs and rugby administrators remains reserved about security plans. The All Blacks are due to leave for South Africa next Wednesday, and they play their first game against Northern Free State in mining town of Welkom on July 24.

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TENNIS

Umpires' group dismisses controversial Jenkins

Bob Jenkins, one of Britain's leading tennis umpires, suspended from his duties during the Wimbledon championships, was expelled from the British Tennis Umpires Association yesterday. He has 30 days in which to appeal against the decision.



Jenkins said he would not appeal against expulsion

Complex is Becker may miss DC

David Lloyd announced plans yesterday to open a sport centre in November. The centre, his second in an expected six or seven, will be situated at Croydon, and, in addition to eight indoor and nine outdoor tennis courts, the complex will contain seven indoor and seven outdoor bowls greens, 16 snooker tables, a swimming pool and restaurant and bar facilities.

Lloyd, a former British Davis Cup player and the brother of John Lloyd, said "I was delighted to see Boris Becker's success at Wimbledon, and I feel the only way we can find our own Becker is to get more facilities in Britain to attract more potential champions - such as Becker has in Leimen.

"His ankle is very swollen - it's the same leg he had an operation on in an attempt to see if he could play or whether the foot has to be treated."

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FOOTBALL

Waddle fee is below Newcastle's valuation

Tottenham Hotspur must pay Newcastle United £500,000 for Chris Waddle, a league tribunal meeting at Preston's Deepdale ground decided yesterday. Newcastle had wanted around £750,000 for the England forward, while the London club had originally offered £500,000.

The decision did not please the Newcastle manager, Jack Charlton, who said he would have accepted £600,000 from Tottenham, but they had backed away from that figure.

He said: "I wish I could buy a Chris Waddle for £500,000. Another £10,000 would have matched Chelsea's bid and that would have been fair. I cannot say that we were short-changed, only that we did not get what we wanted. It just seems that the buying club walked out the more satisfied of the two."

The tribunal's decision takes Tottenham's spending to just under £1m in the last seven days. Last Tuesday a league tribunal meeting in London decided Spurs must pay West Ham £200,000 for Paul Allen - as well as £50,000 for half of 10 senior England caps, and collect any profit if he is resold by Spurs.

The same tribunal also decided Manchester City must pay Huddersfield Town £132,500 for Mark Littles, Huddersfield wanted £250,000 while City, promoted to the first division last season, had offered £80,000.

Reading, of the third division, are to install an identity card system for admission to their ground next season. The plan, which will cost up to £50,000 to implement, is to have that every supporter will have to have a card, costing 50p to get into Elm Park.

Visiting clubs will be issued with a certain number of cards to use in an event of trouble from away fans, the card involved will be refused cards for future visits.

The Reading Managing director, Mike Lewis, said "This is a device for encouraging the families to be at the sport. We have got to get rid of the cancer which hooliganism has become."

He fully appreciate that this could be a profit from the club's own doorstep and send it elsewhere, but we have had enough of carrying the can. Let someone else carry it."

Chelsea have taken £690,000 on season tickets for the 1985-86 season. £135,000 more than at the same time last year.

An FA committee reserved judgement yesterday after hearing Luton Town's appeal against instructions to completely re-turf their ground following the riot during the match against Millwall last March. Headed by the FA chairman, Bert Millichip, the committee said a decision will be made at their second appeal at the Den a week tomorrow.

Nigel Worthington, Sheffield Wednesday's Northern Ireland defender, will miss the start of the season because of a cartilage operation today.

Preston's bid to be the first club in the lower divisions with a plastic pitch has been beaten by the clock. After long negotiations with a specialist firm, the club has decided to put the scheme off for another season. The club's vice-chairman, John Garratt, said: "I would have meant putting off one player programme at Deepdale until October."

Neil Price of Watford has dropped two divisions by joining the third division club Swans on a free transfer. The Swans, who also had talks with the Newport midfielder, Tony Reid.

The Millwall defender, Dave Cusack, is joining Doncaster, of the third division. The Millwall manager, George Graham, said: "I am a disappointed specialist as we are now in the second division. I tried to persuade him to stay, but it appears he has received a very good offer from Doncaster." The fee will be decided by a league tribunal.

Frank Worthington, taken over the player manager of Tranmere Rovers, of the fourth division, Worthington, aged 36, who has played with eight previous clubs, will be the former Tranmere manager, Roy Moore, to the post. He replaces Bryan Hamilton, sacked in February.

Dieter Mueller, the West German forward, is to join the Swiss first division club, Grasshoppers, Zurich, on a short-term contract.

CYCLING

King of the pack improves hand



Herrera: knocking spots off the rest yesterday

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With all the skills of a good poker player, Bernard Hinault successfully gambled on an audacious attack in the Alps yesterday to increase his iron grip on the Tour de France.

When the yellow-jerseyed Frenchman made his move at the village of Trois-Torrents, between flower spotted alpine meadows, 1,100ft above the distant Lake Geneva, exactly 43 miles of the eleventh stage, remained.

With two brutal surges in a big gear, on a Swiss engineered highway looping up to the 4,000ft Pas de Morgine, Hinault led himself and the pretenders to his race leadership. Only one man was able to respond, a squat, lean figure wearing the red and white polka dot jersey as leading climber, Luis Herrera, of Colombia.

Together, the king of the tour buckled down to the difficult task they had set themselves. At Morgine, as they entered France on a stage that had started in Pontarlier three hours before, their lead was 64sec. And after a swooping run down the appropriately named valley of Abondance, the gap was 12 minutes 11 seconds.

The in-fighting continued all the way to the snowless ski slopes, where Herrera got the better of Hinault to win his second Alpine stage in two years.

As a result of his spectacular coup, Hinault has stretched his lead over LeMond to four minutes while Roche, Kelly, Anderson and a remarkable Steve Bauer follow at a further two minutes.

As for the delighted Herrera, who sent the large Colombian press corps into ecstatic uproar, he has crept up the overall table from 59th to 25th place, still 12 minutes behind Hinault.

Eleventh stage: Pontarlier, 121.5 miles. Leading positions: 1. L. Herrera (Col) 5:25.2; 2. B. Hinault (Fr) 5:37.0; 3. P. Roche (Fr) 5:42.0; 4. M. LeMond (US) 5:43.0; 5. S. Bauer (Swi) 5:44.0; 6. R. Kelly (Ir) 5:45.0; 7. J. Anderson (US) 5:46.0; 8. J. Roche (Fr) 5:47.0; 9. M. L. Martinez (Sp) 5:48.0; 10. P. Van der Pluijm (Ned) 5:49.0; 11. J. Garcia (Sp) 5:50.0; 12. J. L. Planas (Sp) 5:51.0; 13. J. L. Garcia (Sp) 5:52.0; 14. J. L. Garcia (Sp) 5:53.0; 15. J. L. Garcia (Sp) 5:54.0.

Before the start of this magnificent stage, LeMond had said: "Today's the day we put the foot to the floor to get rid of Anderson, Roche and Kelly." His boast was already becoming reality.

Up the steeper, more rustic ascent to the Corbier Pass, the two leaders sat side by side in the lead.

Their lead continued to fluctuate from 1min 38sec at the Corbier summit, to 2min 38sec when they left the wide straits of Morzine to tackle the final eight-mile climb to Voray.

It is hard to visualize that there might be a female counterpart to Severiano Ballesteros in the making, but that is the opinion firmly held in Spain of their 14-year-old women's champion, Carmen Navarro.

Nor is that view confined to prejudiced patriots, for Cecilia Mourgue d'Algue, a respected figure in European golf, came away from her first round match against the young Spaniard in the British amateur championship at Ganton recently convinced that she had shared a round with a player of quite exceptional talent.

"She is a genius," declared Mrs Mourgue d'Algue, Swedish by birth, French by marriage, who speaks with the authority of a champion in her time of both those countries, as well as Italy and, as it happens, Spain. Mrs Mourgue d'Algue won the match by three and two, but she maintained that, to realise that margin of victory, who had had to play as well as she possibly could.

Miss Navarro, she felt, had suffered from the assistance - if that is the correct word - of a caddy. "This girl," she said, "has an instinct for the right shot and the right club. She should be left to play her own game. She's another Ballesteros."

The young Spaniard's fighting qualities may be gauged from the fact that, from a position of five-down after 11 holes, she struck birdies at 12, 13 and 15, which would have brought her back to only two down had the French player not secured a three at the 14th. Thus, a half at the 16th was all she needed to go through to the second round. There was, then, honour in defeat for her opponent.

Playing since she was a toddler

Miss Navarro, who was eighth in last year's world championship individual classification, is the daughter of the professional at El Saler club, Valencia. As is commonly the case in such circumstances, she had been toying with golf clubs since she was a toddler, but it is rare indeed for a player to achieve a national title at such a tender age.

She is about five feet tall (communication is difficult, as, for the moment, she has a limited command of English).

GOLF

Brown sets sights on success in Open

By Mitchell Platt

Ken Brown returns to European competition in the Lawrence Bailey International, which starts at The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, today, convinced that his future lies on the US PGA Tour.

Paradoxically, Brown has won once and earned £31,345 in only four appearances in Europe this season, but he is "out of pocket" in the United States, where he has been campaigning most of the time for little more than £20,000.

Brown, however, believes that playing week after week alongside the super stars of the American scene will increase his prospects of achieving the conventional ambition of becoming the first British winner of the Open championship since Tony Jacklin in 1959.

He explains: "My aim is to win the Open. So I will not be too bothered if I don't peak this week because I want my game to be at its best for Royal St. George's at the next week."

Brown, who won the Four Stars charity classic earlier this season at Moor Park, returned from America nine days ago to acclimatize in good time for the Open.

"That is the problem with trying to play both circuits," he added. "The trouble is you can step off a plane, go straight to the first tee, shoot a 77 and everyone thinks that you are a beginner. I will have to make up my mind about which circuit to play and it is likely that I will compete on a full-time basis in America next year."

"I know a lot of people will think, by looking at the record books, that I have achieved very little in America. But that is not the case. My game has made considerable improvements and I think that I have my best chance of winning the Open."

In spite of only four European appearances, Brown is ninth in the Order of Merit so he is in line for an automatic place in the Ryder Cup at The Belfry in September.

But the Lawrence Bailey International and the Open are likely to be his last appearances before the team is settled as it would seem that he will receive a place in the US PGA championship next month. So at the very least he would like to increase his winnings to £50,000 to guarantee retaining his Ryder Cup place.

Meanwhile, Jacklin plays in Europe for the first time this year on the much improved Brazzard course, where he will captain the Ryder Cup team.

Paul Way, Sandy Lytle and Sam Torrance - first, third and fourth respectively in the Order of Merit - are among the players chasing a first prize of £20,000. But Severiano Ballesteros, Bernhard Langer and Nick Faldo have decided to "take time out" before the Open.

The leading 10 players, assuming they are among the top 25 who are not otherwise exempt for the Open, can earn their places for Royal St. George's, which is why Americans such as Woody Blackburn and D.A. Weibring are competing.



Brown: US experience

RACING

Impressive Petoski repays Hern's faith with interest

By Michael Seely

Dick Hern's horses bounced back to form in sensational fashion on the opening afternoon of the July meeting yesterday. Petoski's dramatic 8-1 defeat of Crazy and Lanfranco gave the West Sley trainer his sixth triumph in Newmarket's historic fixture in the past 12 years.

Hern has previously initiated a double by winning the opening Piper Champagne Stakes with Lord Forchester's home-bred two-year-old, Aeschylus, and Willie Carson, the stable jockey, had further cause for celebration when landing a personal 98-1 treble by also capturing the Ward Hill Bunbury Cup on Tremblant for Ron Smyth.

Having had two winners on Monday as well, Hern was clearly delighted to see the change of his fortunes as he watched the racing on television in Berkshire. "I've never lost faith in Petoski," he said. "Along with the rest of my horses he was wrong earlier in the season. If he comes through this race right and if the ground is firm at Ascot, he will probably take his chance in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes."

The style of Petoski's victory was totally decisive. Lanfranco, the 6-4 on favourite, who was attempting to concede fobs to the winner, made the running, but Willie Carson sent Crazy into the lead over two furlongs from home. But from the moment Carson launched his attack, Lady Beeswaxover's Nimitz, who was always travelling the strongest of the trio.

Guy Harwood was also understandably delighted with the running of Crazy, who has not been seen since finishing a close fourth to Commandeur Run in last Autumn's St Leger.

The whole racing world has been thrilled and heartened to watch the fighting comeback being made by Major Hern from the serious injury sustained when he broke his neck.

After Aeschylus had put himself on target for Goodwood's Lanson Champagne Stakes with a neck defeat of Mashkour in the first race, Lord Forchester, the Queen's racing manager, said: "Dick Hern, who is Milford on Sunday to look round the horses and do the entries. We then had a glass of champagne, and afterwards he walked from the house to the car, with his wife."

Dick Hern: back to form with double

SHOOTING

Hughes in overall lead

By Our Shooting Correspondent

A stiff wind brought scores down at the Cornhill (Waddington) 92-2. Fr St J. Haines (R) 45-83, 80-86, 81-87, 82-83, 83-84, 84-85, 85-86, 86-87, 87-88, 88-89, 89-90, 90-91, 91-92, 92-93, 93-94, 94-95, 95-96, 96-97, 97-98, 98-99, 99-100, 100-101, 101-102, 102-103, 103-104, 104-105, 105-106, 106-107, 107-108, 108-109, 109-110, 110-111, 111-112, 112-113, 113-114, 114-115, 115-116, 116-117, 117-118, 118-119, 119-120, 120-121, 121-122, 122-123, 123-124, 124-125, 125-126, 126-127, 127-128, 128-129, 129-130, 130-131, 131-132, 132-133, 133-134, 134-135, 135-136, 136-137, 137-138, 138-139, 139-140, 140-141, 141-142, 142-143, 143-144, 144-145, 145-146, 146-147, 147-148, 148-149, 149-150, 150-151, 151-152, 152-153, 153-154, 154-155, 155-156, 156-157, 157-158, 158-159, 159-160, 160-161, 161-162, 162-163, 163-164, 164-165, 165-166, 166-167, 167-168, 168-169, 169-170, 170-171, 171-172, 172-173, 173-174, 174-175, 175-176, 176-177, 177-178, 178-179, 179-180, 180-181, 181-182, 182-183, 183-184, 184-185, 185-186, 186-187, 187-188, 188-189, 189-190, 190-191, 191-192, 192-193, 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Advertisement for Jackson Stops & Staff, featuring a house illustration and the text 'RAPHYNS ESTATE'.

Advertisement for Gloucestershireshire - Andoversford, featuring a house illustration and the text 'GLUCESTERSHIRE - Andoversford'.

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Summaries by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

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6.00 Cee-fax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time with Nick Ross and Debbie Greenwood.

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6.15 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Ross.

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9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Larry Lamb (r).

WE'RE GETTING THERE (BBC 2, 7.35pm)

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CHOICE

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Radio 4

6.00 News. 7.00 The Archers. 7.20 The Day I Was Born.

Radio 2

6.00 Manchester Chamber Concert. The King's Singers present a programme of music from eastern Europe.

Radio 1

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